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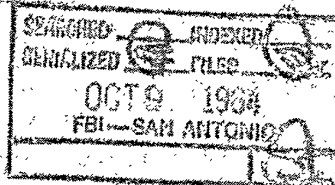
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Fight Looms Over Immigration Bills

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Senator Strom Thurmond Alarmed At Threat

RADICAL CHANGES PROPOSED

The Congress may get tied into knots after the convention recess over several important legislative hassles, including the question of making radical changes in our immigration laws.

PRESENT LAW RESULT OF 5 YEAR EFFORT & WORK OF CONGRESS

The present law on immigration, the McCarran - Walter Act, was the product of 5 years of intensive study and work by the Congress. It was approved in 1952 by a 2/3 vote in overriding President Truman's veto. The purpose of the law is to permit reasonable immigration into this country while providing safeguards against radical distortion of the nature of the American population and political institutions.

NO NATION MORE GENEROUS

No nation has been more generous in its immigration policies than has the United States. We have admitted 43 million immigrants into this country since we began keeping tabs on immigration in 1820. Under the present law we admit approximately 300,000 persons into our country each year. This accounts for 10% of our annual population increase. Even more immigrants are admitted under special acts of the Congress and by Executive orders.

WANT TO JUNK SAFEGUARDS

Now for the sake of racial tolerance, "fairness" to overpopulated and poor foreign nations, "enlightened" foreign policy, and to offset the expected white backlash vote among immigrant groups, the Congress is being asked to junk our traditional national origins quota system. This system protects American interests against being flooded with peoples who are not akin to the majority of our population in racial, cultural, and political heritage.

PRESENT LAW BASED ON ORIGINS OF MAJORITY OF POPULATION

Under the present system we allocate quotas to all nations, but the quota percentages are given in direct proportion to the number of inhabitants in the United States who in 1920 traced their origin to a particular country. Since most of our people have a European background, the larger quotas go to European peoples who can be more easily assimilated into our population.

WANT FOREIGN INTERESTS ABOVE THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES

The two principal immigration bills pending in Congress are the Hart and the Kennedy-Johnson bills. They would treble immigration to approximately 1 million per year. The Kennedy-Johnson bill would admit immigrants on a first-come, first-served basis. The Hart bill would establish a quota system on a basis of each country's population ratio to world population. Both bills seek to establish immigration as an alien right instead of a privilege, putting foreign interests above our own. Senator Javits of New York has even referred to the bills as being "civil rights legislation for the world."

BILLS SEEK TO OPEN FLOODGATES FOR ASIANS AND AFRICANS

Some of our best citizens in this country are immigrants who are great advocates of our free enterprise system. They want to reunite their families in America as soon as possible, and the present law seeks to make this possible in a reasonable manner. The new legislation is expected to appeal to this immigrant desire to reunite families, but this political tactic will prove largely unsuccessful. Most immigrants here realize that just as the "civil rights" law will take away their jobs for others, the same is true

of increased boatloads of immigrants.

These Americans of European stock know that the real purpose of these bills is to open wide the immigration floodgates for peoples in Africa and Asia, where population expansions, and poverty, are problems.

WHERE ARE 1 MILLION JOBS PER YEAR COMING FROM?

If all we hear about unemployment and poverty in the USA is correct, then we have enough problems of our own without swallowing those of other nations. Whose jobs are the additional Asians and Africans going to get -- or will they just be added to the poverty or welfare rolls, as have thousands of Puerto Ricans in New York City?

NEW BILLS WOULD WEAKEN THE ONLY BULWARK AGAINST SLAVERY

The United States is the principal bulwark in the world standing between the forces of enslavement bent on their aim of communizing the world. To open the immigration floodgates in America now would not only weaken us by drastically altering our national racial and cultural composition, but it would also threaten our economy and provide an easy approach for infiltrating and subverting our national political structure.

INTERESTS OF UNITED STATES MUST COME FIRST

As in all other policy considerations, our immigration policies must continue to put the national interest first. To make an exception in this case would be to invite eventual disaster for all peoples everywhere who dream of the American reality of freedom with prosperity.

RED PROPAGANDA CONTINUES

By Rep. Richard H. Poff
of Virginia

"The cold war is warming," we are told. "The Communist bosses want peace; down deep they really like us," the self-anointed foreign affairs experts among the newspaper columnists and TV commentators are trying to make us believe.

If all this be true, then why do the Communist propagandists continue to spread hate rumors and create a false image of the United States behind the Iron Curtain? Here are a few examples of false propaganda which are currently being circulated in the satellite nations:

- 1) The United States operates eight concentration camps, one for each geographic area of the nation, where intellectuals and labor union officials are incarcerated.
- 2) The F.B.I. is a secret police force similar to Hitler's Gestapo and is actively engaged in acts of police brutality.
- 3) The American Negro is still a slave; he is not eligible for Social Security; he cannot buy an automobile unless he gets his name on a long waiting list; and it is against the law for him to shake hands with a white man in a pub-

society; they have to gain public acceptance of homosexuals as "normal members of society" and the approval of their unnatural acts as normal and acceptable conduct.

He further testified the organization is secret because "many homosexuals were on Federal payroll" and it was their intention of seeking abolishment of laws against their employment in government.

The issue came into the open, Dowdy said, when the government of the District of Columbia granted permit to the Matachine Society to solicit "charitable" contributions in Washington.

Dowdy said when he learned of it, he introduced a bill in Congress to cancel the permit.

"I do not believe that an organization for the promotion of those several causes is entitled to be dignified by having such a permit from any government," Dowdy asserted.

What was appalling, Dowdy said, was that "the District Commissioners sent a report to my committee opposing my bill."

"What is happening is the inevitable result of liberal attitude toward sexual abnormalities, perversion and unlawful conduct.

"More than once, in recent years, this attitude has menaced the security of the United States.

We have had incidents of the defection to Russia of sensitive government employees, and it is not a thing that the people of our nation can continue to tolerate, except at our peril.

"The lowering of moral standards will eventually and inevitably rule the conscious and systematic teaching of moral concepts to our children.

"There is no future for man, or for nations, without a moral

THE REUTHER MEMORANDUM

On December 19, 1961, Victor Reuther, brother of United Auto Workers Workers boss Walter, gave U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy a 24-page memorandum outlining what the Reuthers thought the Federal government should do about the "radical right." Robert Kennedy has requested that the Reuther plan for liquidating the rising conservative movement be given to him in writing after an earlier conference with the Reuthers. While copies were circulated to a highly restricted top circle of liberals, the existence of this memo, like the odious Fulbright memorandum of that year, was a closely guarded secret. Only after eighteen months did conservatives and anti-Communists learn of its contents.

The Reuthers suggested five main points of attack on the radical right, meaning conservatives and anti-Communists.

1. Muzzle our top military leaders by conducting an investigation into "political activities" which the Communists and radicals define as any anti-Communist activity.
2. Correct the Attorney General's present list of subversive organizations by adding right wing groups, which would tend to scare off potential supporters.

COMMUNIST LEXICON

The American public should be aware of the fact that Communists are trained students of propaganda techniques. They know how to fit the many weapons in the arsenal of the propagandist to the time, the place, and the target. They know that certain words have good, noble and wholesome connotations and sympathetic response. They therefore usually evoke support also know that there are other words which have evil and repulsive connotations and usually evoke feelings of hatred, resentment and disgust.

"Liberties," "rights," "democracy," "progressive," "the people," and "unity" are good in their original connotations. The Communists always attach these and similar words to themselves and their programs.

"Fascist," "Nazi," "Hitlerite," and "police state" are, in the political sense, very evil words in the American language. For this reason, Communists always attach these epithets to their enemies. They have been doing it for years and still are finding this old trick effective.

* Undermine Free Society

The U.S. Communist Party and its Kremlin masters want more freedom in their efforts to win support for Soviet foreign policies, to undermine our free society, and, eventually, to gain political power for Communist leadership in the United States. Both the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee are presently thwarting these efforts and merit the support of all Americans.

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lie place.

- 4) Some 19 million American citizens are suffering from severe mental illnesses.
- 5) Unwanted children, the product of American sexual madness, are sold openly by their parents.
- 6) America's industrial achievements are due to exploitation of child labor.
- 7) The purpose of visits to Europe by President Eisenhower and President Kennedy was to revive West German militarism.
- 8) All newspapers are owned by big industries which tell them what to print.

D. C. Homos In Demand For "Rights"

WASHINGTON — Homosexual perverts in the District of Columbia have challenged the right of Congressmen to legislate against them or to weigh moral factors involving them, Rep. John Dowdy (D., Tex.), has disclosed.

His subcommittee has been holding hearings on a bill he introduced involving the Mattachine Society, which revealed there are 250,000 homosexuals in the Washington area, many of whom are on Federal payrolls despite the laws prohibiting their employment in government, Dowdy said.

Appearing before the subcommittee, Dowdy said, was Franklin E. Kameny, who testified he was president of the society of perverts and that they were determined to have all laws against unnatural sexual relations between persons of the same sex, as well as the opposite sex, repealed.

Kameny also testified the homosexuals were organized and that as a minority segment of

concept, yet his Kameny challenged the right of myself, or any member of Congress to weigh moral factors in considering the people if this country," Dowdy declared.

—Freedom Press

New High For Marxists

Jennie Lee, widow of Aneurin Bevan and high in the command of Britain's Labor (Socialist) party, has popped up with a proposal that takes even the Marxist cake. She calls loudly for a joint American-Soviet food mission, to help feed Mao Tse-tung's Communist Chinese. Ordinarily, Socialists merely propose to spend the other fellow's earnings. Miss Lee, in her leftist wisdom, wants to spend whole countries' dough. And you know what? The horrifying thing about this is that some hopeless dogooders over here actually might agree.—New York Daily News

In Like a Lamb

From the Dallas Morning News

Can our State Department, which so often has refused to learn from history, profit from an anecdote?

The Moscow zoo reportedly has set up an exhibit to dramatize the Reds' policy of peaceful co-existence. A lion and a lamb are living together in the same cage, peacefully coexisting.

The zoo keeper told an American visitor that the exhibit will become the centerpiece of a propaganda spectacular as soon as the Russians can figure out how they can avoid having to replace the lamb every day.

NEITHER DEAD NOR RED

"We cannot defeat Communism with socialism, nor with secularism, nor with pacifism,

3. Dry up the financial sources of conservative and anti-Communist organizations by having the Internal Revenue Service investigate all those enjoying tax exemption, and where ever possible, lift such exemptions.

4. The power of the Federal Communications Commission should be used to harass and intimidate such conservative and anti-Communist organizations and individuals.

5. J. Edgar Hoover's overstating of the Communist problem should be toned down. Domestic Communism is no longer a threat, the Reuthers assert, and maximizing such a non-existent threat merely helps the radical right.

This incredibly and vicious memorandum should be read in its entirety by every thoughtful American, regardless of his political position. Some of its suggestions have already been put into effect, to the delight of the Communists and their secret defenders and supporters.

—Inform National Report.

nor with appeasement or accommodation. We can only defeat Communism with true Americanism.

"Every strong nation in history has lived by an ideal and has died when its ideals were dissipated. We can be destroyed only by our own gullibility. If we are ready, we shall be neither dead nor Red.

"It is what a nation has in its heart, rather than what it has in its hand, that makes it strong. The nation which honors God is protected and strengthened by Him."

J. Edgar Hoover

As far back as 1951 the House Committee on Un-American Activities refused to be taken in by Communist peace crusades and definitely labeled peaceful co-existence to be "an attempt to disarm and defeat the United States." In view of the refusal by the HCUA to be taken in by Communist propaganda, it can be readily understood why the choicest epithets in the Communist lexicon are always reserved for this committee.

Defense Not Costliest To U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Although national defense costs the American people \$50 billion a year, their annual investment in health, education and welfare is twice that—\$101 billion, according to Finance Facts published by the National Consumer Finance Association. In the decade from 1953 to 1963, the percentage of the gross national product ticketed for health, education and welfare rose from 11.6 per cent to 17.8 per cent.

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[Redacted]
Austin, Texas

Phone GL-2-4488

March 22, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been approached to join the John Birch Society to help fight communism. Before I join any organization I would like to know if this organization is communistic controlled or infiltrated. Will you please advise me. The following are the officers of the Society.

Have any of the officers ever been connected with a communist front organization?

Editor
Robert Welch

Associate Editors

[Redacted]
J. B. Matthews
[Redacted]

Contributing Editors

[Redacted]
Medford Evans
[Redacted]

Editorial Advisory Committee
[Redacted]

Yours very truly,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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☒ For information ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____
dated _____.

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[Redacted]

Austin, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated March 22, 1960, addressed to me at New York, New York, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

With response to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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① - San Antonio (Enclosure)

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Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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Austin, Texas

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you for information concerning The John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts, whose founder, I understand, is Robert Welch.

I am unclear as to your policy on giving information pertaining to an organization whose activities maybe of interest to the FBI, but it is my hope that you will be able to help.

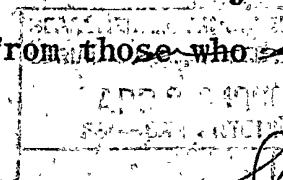
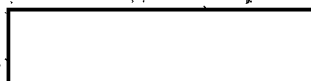
I am specifically interested in how the purposes of this organization relate to the security of our nation. Any official information that you can give me will be deeply appreciated.

Any information that you can give on Mr. Robert Welch will also be appreciated.

Let me add my honest praise for you and your men and the job that you continuously perform to protect us from those who would harm us.

Sincerely,

/s/



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April 25, 1960

26-3859
[redacted]
Austin, Texas

Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked April 17, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I have noted your kind personal comments, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

① - San Antonio (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

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July 16, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, I have joined a Society, organized for the purpose of fighting communism, called The John Birch Society, organized by Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. Do you approve this Society and the work it does to combat communism? I surely don't want to get involved in something that might be in some way aiding communism. And I do want to do what I can to combat and stop the growth of communism.

Will surely appreciate anything, or any information you might be able to give me concerning The John Birch Society.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,
S/Ann

Taylor, Texas

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July 22, 1960

[Redacted]

Taylor, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated July 16, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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① - San Antonio (Enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Robert Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."



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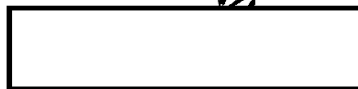
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas, Texas

Gentlemen:

Would you please tell me what your office knows about the John Birch Society - and whether or not it carries the 'seal of approval' of the F.B.I.?

A chapter is trying to be formed here and some of us would like to know just what the F.B.I. thinks of it and it's activities.



Mexia, Texas

P.S. Copy of application is attached hereto.

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Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____
Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year
from this date, and for automatic renewal each year
thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand
the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet,
as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my mem-
bership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed
officer of the Society, without the reason being stated,
on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in
advance.

Sincerely,

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

Date _____

Dues Received _____

Application Approved
By _____

Title _____

DUES SCHEDULE

Life membership in the Home Chapter,
(which automatically covers member-
ship in any local chapter), for men or
women \$1,000.00
(This may be paid in two consecutive
annual installments of \$500.00 each.)

Regular annual membership in the		
Home Chapter	For men	\$24.00
	For women	12.00

Membership in a local chapter, mini-		
imum per year:	For men	\$24.00
	For women.	12.00

(This may be paid as \$2.00 per month
for men, and \$1.00 per month for wom-
en, to the local Chapter Leader.)

If any member wishes to pay larger dues,
to support the Society's work (or to make
contributions for that purpose), such
dues or contributions may also be split
into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local chapters
should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Appli-
cations for membership in the Home Chapter will
be approved by the home office.)

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

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SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Dallas Office is in receipt of a letter from [redacted] Mexia, Texas, enclosing a copy of an Application For Membership in The John Birch Society. This letter has been acknowledged by Dallas.

Inasmuch as Mexia is covered by San Antonio, the letter and enclosure are forwarded herewith to San Antonio.

[redacted] inquired as to whether or not the John Birch Society carries the 'seal of approval' of the FBI. She advised a chapter "is trying to be formed" in Mexia, and some of the people would like to know what the FBI thinks of the organization.

[redacted] was advised that our files are confidential and that this Bureau could neither recommend nor not recommend any organization.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and San Antonio.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

DATE: 11/29/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 11/22/60, [REDACTED] telephone TA 2-0581, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that several months ago a man by the name of MANN had made an address at the Trinity Baptist Church and, while she was not present at this discussion, several people in the congregation had later told her that Mr. MANN's comments were or appeared to be along the communist thinking. She stated she had no specific information with regard to specific comments made by MANN and she has no specific information concerning the above-captioned organization, although she did mention she believed the above-captioned organization had been previously formed by a ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.

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[REDACTED] stated it was her understanding that Mr. MANN is also scheduled to make another speech at the Trinity Baptist Church on or about 1/8/61. She stated she was merely contacting the San Antonio Office to furnish this information in the event the FBI desired to further cover this meeting.

A search of the San Antonio indices reflected the John Birch Society has the main file of 100-9455* and that this society was formed by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR., and, further, that this organization was formed originally as an anti-communist organization.

It is suggested this information be placed in the main file for possible future reference and also in the event that [REDACTED] may call and may furnish the full complete name of MANN.

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Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-9455)

DATE: Jan. 20, 1961

FROM : SAC THOMAS E. BISHOP

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

This is to record that on 1/19/61 [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, telephonically advised that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was holding a meeting at the auditorium of St. Peter's Catholic Church, San Antonio, on the afternoon of January 19, 1961, at which one "BUCK" MANN will speak and a film on the purpose and principles of the organization will be shown.

[redacted] advised the purpose of her call was to notify the FBI of the meeting and to extend an invitation for one or more FBI Agents to attend, without identifying themselves, if they desire to do so.

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Fr One:

Det. Inv. [redacted] and Officer [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

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On 1/19/61, [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, advised that he had ascertained that on the evening of 1/19/61, there would be a meeting of the John Birch Society at St. Peter's Church Cafetorium in Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas. A Mr. MANN from Odessa, Texas, was to speak at the program and this speech would outline the purpose and aims of the John Birch Society. A large group was expected. The present group of approximately 40 members would split into two groups. There are one or more groups already existing in San Antonio.

[redacted] Brooke General Hospital, Brooke Army Medical Center, is one of the leaders of the group and is organizing officers from Brooke Army Medical Center. [redacted] is a medical doctor.

According to [redacted] the aims of the group are to fight communism on the local level by educating the people and exposing the aims of communism; also by showing how communists and communism are threatening democracy. This group is against big government, against centralized government, and socialized government (one step from communism). This group is for states' rights and the power in the hands of the people. They want to impeach EARL WARREN, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

On 1/20/61, the San Antonio Office received a copy of a report of [redacted] Detective Investigator of the San Antonio Police Department, who attended the meeting of the John Birch Society on 1/19/61, at St. Peter's Church, 120 Arcadia, Alamo Heights. This report reflected

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the following:

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"The program got started with 5 films that were about 40 minutes duration. The first film was very good, it was a story of the founding and the history of the Allen-Bradley Co. of Milwaukee Wis. This was to show the American method of free enterprise. Then there was the next film of a very mediocre hit and miss resume of the communist party and where it started from. The total film shown was 5, and the ultimate aim of this meeting was a membership rally to get members for the John Birch Society. The last film was the history of the Society and what its aims were. All of these film were narrated by the founder of the Society, ROBERT WELCH, formerly of the Welch Candy Co.

"After avidly listening to the program as an abject listener, we could come to but one conclusion, and that was that the ultimate aim of this organization is the eventual causing of a revolution in this country and the overthrow of the present form of Govt. in the United States. ROBERT WELCH sets himself up as the undisputed leader of his so called patriots. He stated that Americanism and Americanists were for the birds and that he wanted his followers to be called patriots.

"This organization plays on the Anti-Communist theme that is so foremost in everyone's mind today and therefore is a gimmick to recruit members in the society. Mr. MANN spoke to the group at the last of the program. He reiterated some of the same stuff that WELCH had spoken in the films. All of the facts that were brought out in the films were things that have actually happened and as far as we know are true. But this is a smoke screen for the real purpose of this group. MANN gave the group a run down of what would be expected of them if they joined the Society, and stated that in all their correspondence and letter writing and connections officially that the members would not refer to themselves as members of the John Birch Society and in no way bring the name of the Society into their conversations. He stated that they had a national cover name of CASE, (Committee Against Summit Entanglements). They have a cover name for the Society in Texas, called 'Mothers Clubs for Checking School Text Books' and they wanted their members to use this cover name. Their Slogan is 'Less Government, More Responsibility and a Better World.' The Society had several publications on sale at the meeting. One of these was what they called The Blue Book. This book was an exact reproduction in writing, of the speeches made on the films. All the book is almost word for word as WELCH spoke it in the film. Then they had several other pamphlets on sale. We purchased all of the material that they offered. The Blue book sells for \$2 and the other sold for \$1. Also we appropriated several of their membership applications and one of Mr. BUCK MANN's calling cards. This is about the extent of the meeting. It is primarily in the beginning stage and this meeting was a membership rally. All that can be assumed from all of this is that Mr. WELCH and Co. are alarmists and are using the Anti-

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"Communist Gimmick for their work in gaining strength for the revolution that he wants to eventually bring about. The Blue Book gives the entire story much better and in more detail that I can give it here in a report."

In view of current Bureau instructions, the San Antonio Office is taking no further action in this matter, and no investigation is being conducted.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~DIRECTOR~~, FBI

DATE: 1/30/61

MEMO

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-~~8~~)SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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John Birch Society
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On 1/25/61 [redacted] Kerrville,

Texas, employed with the [redacted] Kerrville, advised that recently he had been invited to the home of [redacted] Kerrville, to attend the showing of a five-reel movie. He stated this movie concerned The ~~JOHN BIRCH~~ SOCIETY, and the entire showing consisted of a talk by the organizer of this society on how it operated. He said the society appeared to have been organized in Boston, Massachusetts, by a man named JOHN or JOSEPH WELSH (ph.).

[redacted] said WELSH (ph.) explained the menace of Communism and that the purpose of the society was to combat Communism ~~through~~ through the use of the "cell" system. WELSH (ph.) explained there would be twenty members to a "cell" and if more than twenty people joined in a community, additional "cells" would be organized. He said the members were required to read approximately 100 books, publications and articles dealing with the menace of Communism, and one of the books mentioned as required reading was "MASTERS OF DECEIT" by J. EDGAR HOOVER. He said that WELSH explained that members would be required to adhere strictly to the instructions given them in their work in this society and, if not, they would be subjected to being expelled.

[redacted] said ~~he~~ he believed the purpose of the society was probably very good, but he objected to the ~~dictatorial~~ dictatorial way in which the society operated and therefore was hesitant about joining such a group.

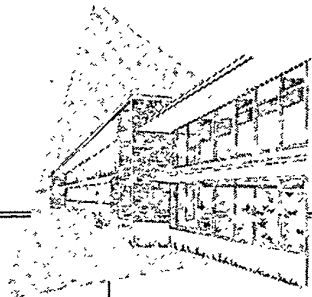
No further information was furnished by [redacted] and no further action is being ^{taken} ~~taken~~ in this matter.

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TRINITY UNIVERSITY

715 STADIUM DRIVE
SAN ANTONIO 12, TEXAS

February 1, 1961

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
615 E. Houston
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

Although I do not usually write "indignant citizen" letters, something has arisen which seriously disturbs me, and on which I need your counsel.

[redacted] I naturally was informed on certain aspects of communism and organizations which could be utilized by them. Because of this [redacted] background, I was particularly disturbed when I came into contact last month with an organization known as the John Birch Society. A young couple of fine family and social standing in this community invited me to the program as their guest. Knowing they were extremely interested in the work of this group from several previous conversations, I agreed to attend. It is entirely conceivable to me that the above mentioned organization is entirely the American-front group it purports to be.

At the same time, several things were woven into the nearly three hours of film and personal presentation which seemed diametrically opposed to the interests of this country. Without being overly alarmed, I am concerned and would very much appreciate receiving any information or counsel you might be able to give me concerning this group. I will appreciate very much your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, [redacted]

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P. O. Box 1630
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[Redacted]
Trinity University
715 Stadium Drive
San Antonio 12, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 1, 1961, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I must advise you that data in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of service either that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the organization about which you inquire.

Very truly yours,

TEB
THOMAS E. BISHOP
Special Agent in Charge

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478 Federal Building
Post Office Box 1630
San Antonio 6, Texas

February 10, 1961

Region Commander
Counter Intelligence Corps
112th CIC Group
San Antonio Region 1
439 Federal Building
P. O. Box 2378
San Antonio 6, Texas

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted as a result of conversations between Agent [redacted] of your office, and Special Agent [redacted] of this office, regarding a meeting of the John Birch Society.

The following information was obtained from a confidential source of the FBI with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine the source's reliability.

On the night of January 19, 1961, there was a meeting of the John Birch Society at St. Peter's Church, 120 Arcadia, in Alamo Heights (San Antonio, Texas). This Society purports to be anti-Communist. This meeting was apparently set up with the assistance of a man that introduced himself as [redacted]. He later said that he was a doctor at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. There was a woman that apparently was the friend of [redacted] and she was in charge of the coffee making and generally helping out. The man that put the show on was C. O. "BUCK" MANN from Odessa, Texas.

The program got started with five films that were about forth minutes duration. The first film was very good. It was a story of the founding of the history of the Allen-Bradley Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
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This source stated that he could come to but one conclusion after listening to the program, and that was that the ultimate aim of this organization is the eventual causing of a revolution in this country and the overthrow of the present form of Government in the United States. ROBERT WELCH sets himself up as the undisputed leader of his so called patriots. He stated that Americanism and Americanists were for the birds and that he wanted his followers to be called patriots.

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On January 26, 1961, the above mentioned source advised that there were 62 persons present at the above mentioned meeting, and this number dwindled to 41 persons during the meeting.

The above concludes source's report.

This is being furnished for your information.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS E. BISHOP
Special Agent in Charge

[Redacted]
Odessa, Texas
February 14, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Austin, Texas

Dear Sirs:

Is it possible for an individual to get an F.B.I. check on an organization? If so, I would like to inquire about the John Birch Society, organized by Joseph Welch of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The chapter I have been asked to join seems to be quite reputable, with members who are respected people in our community. Their basic aim is to fight communist infiltration in our government, schools, etc.

I would like to become a working member of this organization if it is what it seems to be, and is cleared by the F.B.I.

I would certainly appreciate any information you feel you can send me.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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478 Federal Building
P. O. Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas
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[redacted]
Odessa, Texas

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 14, 1961, which was addressed to our Resident Agency office at Austin, Texas, has been referred to me.

While I would like to be of service, it is not possible for me to furnish you any information concerning the organization about which you inquire. The FBI is strictly a fact-finding organization and does not issue clearances to any individual or organization. All data in our files is confidential and available for official use only.

I know you will understand the reason for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do not have information in our files concerning the organization which is the subject matter of your letter.

Very truly yours,

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THOMAS E. BISHOP
Special Agent in Charge

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ORAN D. BATES
PRINCIPAL

TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
MRS. RUBY KING

February 16, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Waco, Texas

Dear Sirs:

We have been receiving some pamphlets and materials from The John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. We would like to have your evaluation of this group in so far as they might be considered American or UnAmerican.

If this is a service which you can render that is not contrary to the policies of your department, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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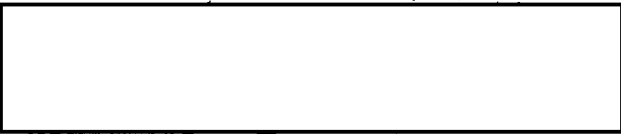
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478 Federal Building
P. O. Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas
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Gatesville, Texas

Dear Mr. Bates:

Your letter of February 16, 1961, addressed to our Resident Agency office at Waco, Texas, has been referred to me.


While I would like to be of service, I must advise that it is not possible for me to furnish you information concerning the organization mentioned in your communication. All data in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only.

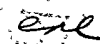



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Very truly yours,


THOMAS E. BISHOP
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

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Remy let, 1/23/61.

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Society was probably very good, but he objected to the
dictatorial way in which the society operated and, therefore,
was hesitant about joining such a group.

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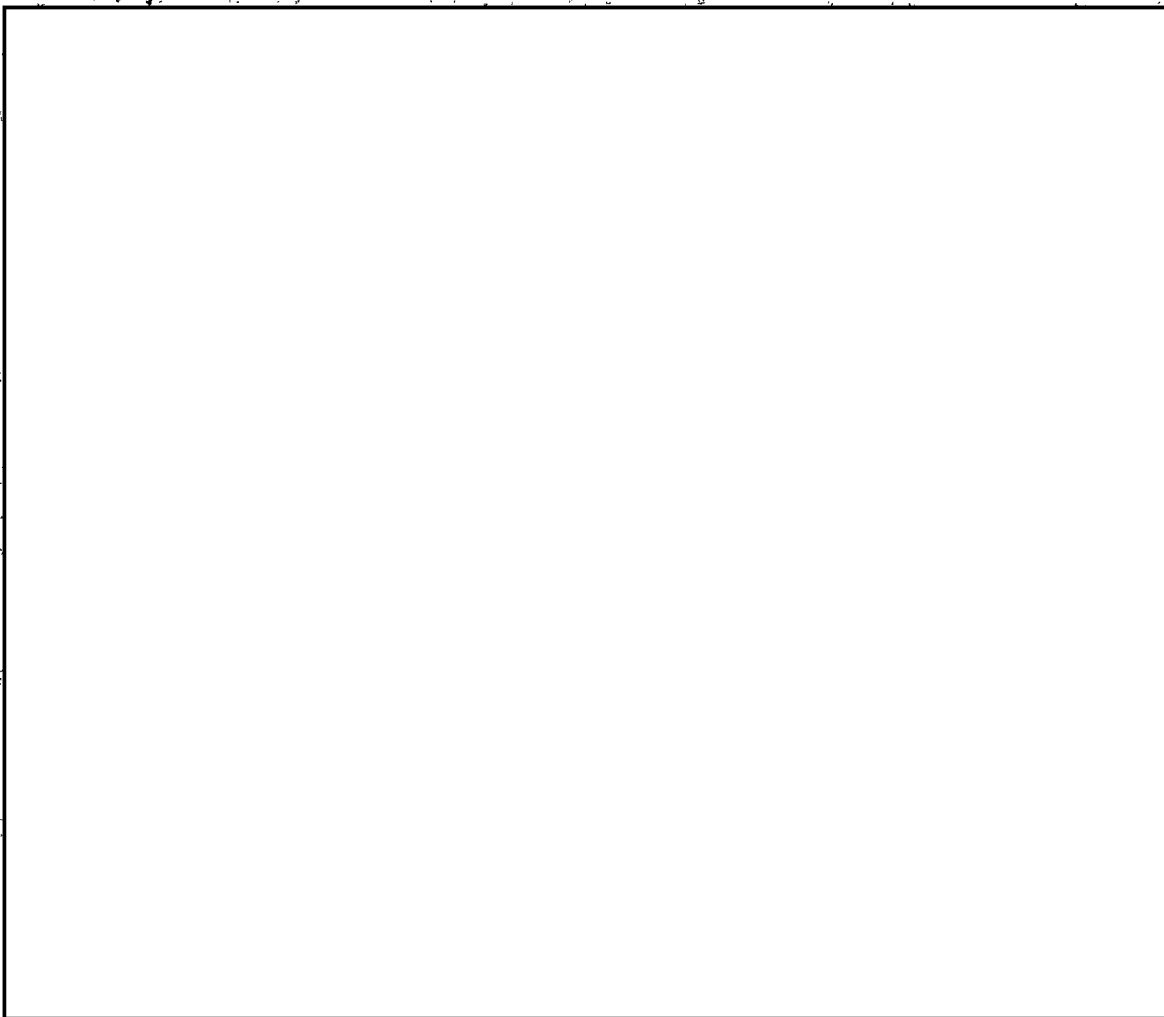
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The indices of the San Antonio Office fail to contain any information identifiable with [REDACTED]

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The San Antonio Office is in receipt of a summary of information which is classified Confidential, which was prepared by Region I, 112th CIC Group, San Antonio, Texas, dated 1/30/61, entitled JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. This summary states in part as follows:

Referral/Consult.



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	Scars, marks or other data				
Birth date and Birthplace					

Facts of complaint [redacted] stated that the subject organization was sponsoring the showing of the film "Operation Abolition". He read on p 21 of the 3/10/61 issue of TIME that this organization was anti-communist and extreme "right wing". [redacted] attended a public showing of the film this week at the Ramada Inn by LEWIS MICHAEL, an officer of the Travis Savings & Loan Ass'n, SAT. MICHAEL before showing the film read from an article he said had appeared in the Washington Post. This article criticized the film and having been edited "hollywood style" so as not to present the facts in proper sequence and the result was that it left the impression that the student riots was organized entirely by the Communists. MICHAEL did not comment on the article but just read it to the viewing audience and then showed the film. He did indicate that it had been shown to 4 highschool audiences. [redacted] Went on to say that the San Antonio Ministers organization have gone on record, as indicated in a recent newspaper article, as opposing the showing of the film to their congregations. [redacted] stated he was calling to obtain, if possible, some information regarding the film from the FBI. He was courteously advised that no Comment or opinion could be given in this regard.

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... and his interpretations differ markedly from my own." The record of his successor, growled Ike, was a subject "on which I have formed no judgment."

Fighting Spirit. The contretemps underlined a bothersome fact of contemporary Republican politics: nobody could—or would—speak with authority for the party, and nobody could be quite certain where the G.O.P. stood in 1961. The G.O.P. was robust, without doubt: in Congress, Republicans had registered a gain of 20 seats, despite the loss of the White House. G.O.P. bigwigs, back in Washington after a round of Lincoln Day speeches, reported jubilantly that they had encountered big crowds, heartening enthusiasm everywhere. "There is still a fighting spirit in the party," said National Chairman Thruston Morton. "It is somewhat unusual after election defeat."

Morton already had launched a vigorous program for this year's local elections, with his eye especially on the Governors' chairs in New Jersey and Virginia. He had started a national registration drive and set up a watchdog committee to deal with election frauds. He was determined, too, to go after the big-city vote—"our Achilles heel in the last election"—and nominated successful big-city Republicans to show the way.

But on matters of principle, there was plenty of confusion. Senate Minority Leader Ev Dirksen noted that the Kennedy Administration had failed to propose a civil rights bill, promised to "unfurl" one of his own. Morton agreed that it would be a smart move, but House Minority Leader Charlie Halleck and Arizona's Senator Barry Goldwater demurred. Said Goldwater, who has a greater following in the South than any other Republican: "We have literally bent over backwards to attract the Negro vote, but they don't vote for us." Lamented one G.O.P. leader: "We've got to find a hard-core issue to fight the Democrats on."

Silence & Whispers. What the resurgent Republicans badly needed was the voice of a leader to give the party cohesion and forward motion. Although his influence and prestige still cast a long shadow over the land, Dwight Eisenhower did not seem to relish the role. Dick Nixon, the titular leader of the party, promised to speak out this week in Los Angeles. But already his long silence had cost Nixon some support: cloakroom whispers had New Hampshire's Styles Bridges, dean of the Senate's Republicans and a longtime Nixon partisan, defecting to Nelson Rockefeller. In Albany, Rockefeller was saying little but running New York State with a welfare-mindedness that was bound to catch the eye of urban voters.

Curiously, the only voice that was causing excitement belonged to Arizona's Senator Barry Goldwater: "We ought to forget this business of writing a platform," he said. "They're meaningless promises. We should write a set of principles instead." Each Republican could then interpret the principles as he saw fit. "If we could do this," said Goldwater, "we could end the factionalism in the party."



GOLDWATER & ADMIRERS IN MANHATTAN
"We want Barry! We want Barry!"

Hy Rothman—N. Y. Daily News

"A Wave of Conservatism"

"We want Barry! We want Barry!" chanted the crowd of youthful men and women who filled New York City's Manhattan Center to the limit of the fire-department safety regulations. Over their heads, clouds of pink, blue and yellow balloons, each bearing the name "Barry Goldwater," were wafted through the spotlights. Before the police closed the doors, 3,200 people squeezed into the hall; another 1,000 (including 150 pickets) milled in the streets outside.

The occasion was the first rally of the Young Americans for Freedom, a group of college conservatives with a membership of 21,000, scattered over 115 campuses. Awards for activity in the conservative cause were handed out to an array of conservative celebrities, ranging from Editor William F. Buckley Jr. (*National Review*) to Wisconsin Industrialist Herbert Kohler (of Kohler). When a speaker mentioned Herbert Hoover's name, the audience roared; Ike's name got polite applause mixed with boos; Harry Truman, silence. But the lion of the evening—as he invariably is whenever conservatives gather—was Arizona's handsome, articulate junior Senator, Barry Goldwater.

When Goldwater rose to speak, the rapt young audience clotted the aisles and pressed close to the stage, waving huge Goldwater placards. "This country," said Goldwater, "is being caught up in a wave of conservatism that could easily become the phenomenon of our time. Nobody knows for sure its present strength or its future potential. But every politician, newspaperman, analyst and civic leader knows that something is afoot that could drastically alter our course as a nation." It has an anchor in the "conservative movement" among college students, he said, who "know that

this thing that has gone along for 30 years and has cost \$400 billion under the phony name of liberalism has not worked."

The task of his young listeners, he continued, was to work to elect "good conservative Republicans" in 1962. In Congress the conservative mission was "not to be just obstructionist," but to return fire on the liberal programs with detailed conservative alternatives.

In the stamping, roaring ovation that followed his speech, it was clear that conservatives of all ages had found their most persuasive voice since Robert Alphonso Taft.

ORGANIZATIONS

The Americanists

Among the U.S. brotherhoods dedicated to the fight against Communism, nothing is quite like the John Birch Society. Except for an elite corps of leaders, its members shun personal publicity, and their names are held by the society in strictest secrecy. Its cells, of 20 to 30 members apiece, take orders from society headquarters, promote Communist-style front organizations that do not use the John Birch name. Carefully avoiding normal channels of political action, the society accepts the hard-boiled, dictatorial direction of one man who sees democracy as a "perennial fraud" and estimates that the U.S. is 40% to 60% Communist-controlled. In other times, other places, the John Birch "Americanists"—as they call themselves—might seem a tiresome, comic-opera joke. But already the society admits to cells in 35 states, and its partisans have made their anonymous and unsettling presence felt in scores of U.S. communities.

In Wichita, Kans., student members of the society are trained to tell their cell leader of any "Communist" influence

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noted in classroom lectures; by phone, parents belabor the offending teacher and his principal for apologies and admissions of guilt. A Wichita businessman who planned to make a modest contribution to a University of Wichita fund was dissuaded because members of the society were demanding that certain professors and books be thrown out. "My business would be wrecked," said he, "if those people got on the phone and kept on yelling that I am a Communist because I give money to the school." Society members in Nashville, Tenn., started telephone campaigns to warn homeowners that some of their neighbors were suspected Reds. The project with current top priority is the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, and activities in a dozen cities range from the "spontaneous" circulation of petitions to a rash of letters to newspapers, and a **HELP IMPEACH EARL WARREN** banner strung across the main street of Pampa, Texas (and taken down by the police a few hours later).

The Red Plot. All society activity comes under the firm thumb of a balding, deceptively mild-mannered, retired businessman from Belmont, Mass., named Robert Welch. Son of a North Carolina farmer, Baptist Welch, 61, spent 25 years as an executive with Cambridge's famed candy-making James O. Welch Co. (run by his brother). After the war, Welch began to hone up on Communist literature; eventually he decided that such

schemes as social security and federal income tax laws were part of a Red plot to ready the U.S. for Soviet conquest. Welch left candy for fulltime anti-Communist pamphleteering in 1957. He founded the John Birch Society the next year, naming it for a U.S. Navy captain killed by Chinese Communist guerrillas after V-J day.

Welch's *Mein Kampf* is a masterpiece of invective called *The Politician*. Shown only to close friends, the book is now being withdrawn from circulation, largely because its judgments on contemporary leaders repelled more people than they attracted. Some Welchian estimates:

¶ The Eisenhower brothers: "... Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party. . . . For [the former President], there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and his actions. That word is treason."

¶ CIA Director Allen Dulles: "The most protected and untouchable supporter of Communism, next to Eisenhower himself, in Washington."

¶ The late John Foster Dulles: "A Communist agent."

Right-Wing Names. For public consumption, Welch has kept his vitriol well enough in check to avoid libel suits. A prolific author, he has turned out reams of Red-baiting copy, including the *Blue Book* that guides the society's actions. He puts out the monthly *American Opinion*, as well as a bulletin that informs all



Boston Herald-Traveler
LEADER WELCH

His word for the Eisenhowers: treason.

dues-paying (\$24 a year for men, \$12 for women) members of the society's monthly aims. Despite the ill fame of *The Politician*, Welch has been highly praised as a freedom fighter by a horde of familiar right-wing names, e.g., Actor Adolphe Menjou, Lawyer Clarence Manton, ex-Diplomat Spruille Braden, who grace the society's council and have the right to appoint his successor.

Not all conservatives are so sanguine about Welch. Many object to the society's contempt for dissent from its views, feel that its militant words and thoughts are barely a goose step away from the formation of goon squads. "This is the kind of thing that does violence to everything we're trying to accomplish," says one Chicago conservative who backed away from Birchism after a glimpse at *The Politician*. "It siphons a lot of well-meaning, respectable people off into a lunatic fringe run by Welch, at the same time giving anti-Communist efforts a black eye. It hurts us much more than it helps us."

THE SUPREME COURT

The Right to Ask

Louisville Newsman Carl Braden has a long record of addiction to Communist causes; he wrote off and on for the *Daily Worker*, promoted the Red-organized Stockholm peace appeal, went to jail for violating a Kentucky sedition law. Frank Wilkinson, onetime public information director of the Los Angeles Housing Authority, has for eight years refused to say whether he is a member of the Communist Party, is field representative of something called the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee. In Atlanta three years ago, Braden and Wilkinson were called up as witnesses before an Un-American Activities subcommittee checking on Com-

CAPITAL NOTES

Kennedy v. Rockefeller

President Kennedy guesses that his 1964 opponent will be New York's Governor Nelson Rockefeller, whom he regards as the "toughest" Republican to beat. The Kennedy forces have abandoned any hopes of heading off Rockefeller by beating him when he runs for re-election in New York next year, because New York Democratic politics are in an unholly mess. But Kennedy thinks he can beat Rockefeller in a presidential race.

Say Uncle

The British have made it clear to Washington that they will not campaign for U.N. admission for Red China, though Whitehall thinks that it is inevitable. White House policy on the question is not yet formulated, and along Embassy Row some State Department people have made it clear that they wish Britain would twist Washington's arm a little harder in favor of admission.

Silver Lining

Speaker Rayburn lost no time evening the score against Congressmen who had voted against him in the Rules Committee fight. Alabama Democrat Armistead Selden Jr., chairman of the House Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs, was all briefed and packed to go to a recent regional meeting of the Inter-

Parliamentary Union at Guadalajara, Mexico, but Rayburn turned thumbs down on the trip because Selden had voted with Judge Smith. Selden found a silver lining anyway: his anti-Rayburn stand on "Southern principles" gave him strong new popularity back home just when he needed it most.

Calculated Leaks?

The White House blames Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bill Fulbright for prematurely leaking the ambassadorial appointments lists to the *New York Times*. Fulbright was an early Kennedy choice for Secretary of State before he was shot down as a segregationist. One result of the leak was to stir up a newspaper ruckus over controversial appointments before approval had been received from the foreign ministries. Principal victim: the Kennedy family's close Palm Beach friend, ex-Cuban Ambassador Earl Smith, who was politely blackballed by the Swiss government (TIME, March 3).

Great Anticipator

The tongue-in-cheek White House appellative for Harvard Historian (*The Politics of Upheaval*) and Presidential Aide Arthur Schlesinger Jr. is "The Great Anticipator." Fresh from his tour of Latin American countries (see *THE HEMISPHERE*), Schlesinger lost no time living up to the promise.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 3/13/61

FROM : SA CLAY ZACHRY, JR.

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Attached hereto is an article from TIME magazine in their issue of 3/10/61 relative to the above captioned organization and ROBERT WELCH, the head of the organization.

BOYNTON FLEMING, [redacted] and presently Sheriff of Cameron County, called me relative to the organization which I had never heard of at that time. He stated that [redacted] of [redacted] Texas had been visiting his relatives in Georgia and South Carolina and had found that they were all members of this organization. They advised him that it was the best way to fight Communism and that "everybody who is anybody" ~~xxx~~ in that section of the country are members.

[redacted] plans to have an organizational meeting of a cell in his home in [redacted] on 3/22/61. He told the sheriff that he would be glad for an FBI agent to attend. I told Fleming that we could not do that.

Boynton said that he is in hopes that after reading the article in TIME that the local group will lose interest and not organize.

If the article in TIME is correct, and the group is organized in [redacted] it would appear that it could become a problem in which the Bureau would have an interest.

Please advise whether or not the Bureau has sent us any information on this group.

CZ

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Fleming told me on 3/15/61
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(D) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, advised that in December, 1958, Welch created an organization called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Recently, a printer in Santa Barbara, California, advised he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of my poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the JBS. We have advised the printer that the FBI has not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could the FBI approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the FBI's prestige, no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives. You should be alert to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions JBS. Immediately advise the Bureau of any such information coming to your attention. Further, any requests by JBS to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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By PAUL THOMPSON

Sometimes the anti-Communists are just as bad as the Communists.

To be against Communism does not mean you have the right to attack anyone who differs with some of your personal viewpoints.

Printed matter circulating in San Antonio today puts a Red label on men like Chief Justice Earl Warren, Ed Sullivan, Chet Huntley, Ed Murrow and others just as noted.

Most of the stuff emanates from an outfit called the John Birch Society, headquartered in California.

Birch was an American missionary killed by Chinese Communists. He might not have liked to see his name used in this way.

Emphasis

Did you see in the News where a man got a divorce on grounds his wife spent too much time ferreting out Communists?

She was so busy saving America that she forgot to make his bed, prepare his food and keep his house clean.

It could be that the lady was putting emphasis in the wrong place.

Others like her make a career of yapping at the heels of people they suspect may be tainted with Communism, a job that properly belongs to the FBI, city police and public officials.

Fanatics

Teaching adults and kids what Communism is, where it wants to go and how to detect its presence is only sound procedure.

Hate groups, fanatics and the crackpot fringe will not stop there, however.

To them a Negro peaceably seeking school integration or access to a public lunch counter is a Communist. And if you disagree with that interpretation, you're a Communist.

Setting themselves up as the only real guardians of our Constitution and heritage, these extremists use Communism as a lever to force total submission to the least of their prejudices.

Reminds me of the story of the teenage girl who asked her dad for use of the family car, was refused, and blurted out, "You're a COMMUNIST!"

No Good

Think how easy it would be to start a massive Red scare in San Antonio, or anywhere else for that matter.

Just give power to a few of these would-be witch hunters (usually lesser men who want to prove leadership ability) and we're off.

In two weeks, the rumors and counter rumors and anti-counter rumors would have you wondering if there might not be a Communist or two inside your own family.

Is this good for Americanism?

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Divisive

No less an authority than J. Edgar Hoover has warned against the lunatic element that hopes to take Communist-hunting into its own unfettered hands.

As Hoover and others have noted, groups like the Ku Klux Klan will yell "Red" as a blind for their racism and religious bigotry.

To such cranks, Catholics, Jews, Latin-Americans and other minority group endeavoring to better itself ought to be regarded as Communistic. And the same for any public official, jurist or entertainer who speaks for minority rights.

Communists themselves love the fanatic anti-Communist who helps their cause by setting American against American.

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Legion Chief Wants Birch Society Probe

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—John R. Hahn, California commander of the American Legion, says congress should investigate the right-wing John Birch society to find out its aims, methods and source of finances.

He said the California Legion is against fascism as well as communism, but must know more about the John Birch society before deciding whether to support or oppose it.

A congressional inquiry, he said, "should be commenced at once to ward off unnecessary and uninformed discussion."

Meantime, State Assemblyman Gordon H. Winton Jr., who has said he thinks the John Birch society is being used by Communists, acknowledged he doesn't have the votes to get a resolution requesting a federal probe out of the rules committee.

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Birch Group Probe Asked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, R-Calif., asked Thursday for an investigation of the head of the John Birch Society for what Kuchel called "a fantastic and incredible libel" against former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Kuchel said Robert Welch, retired candy manufacturer of Belmont, Mass., who founded the society, should be called before the Senate Government Operations Committee for attempts to besmirch the character of Eisenhower, Chief Justice Earl Warren and others.

He said Welch "accuses Dwight Eisenhower of being a card-carrying Communist."

The John Birch Society is an organization with the declared purpose of fighting Communist infiltration. It is named for a missionary killed by the Chinese Communists.

In a story Thursday, the Washington Evening Star said Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand, R-Calif., is a member. It quoted him as saying he joined in California "quite a while back," and is sure there are other Congress members affiliated with the society.

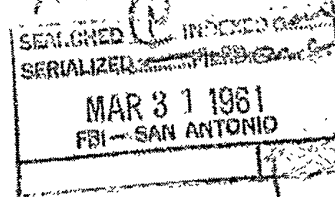
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Birch Society Probes Sought

Compiled from Press Dispatches

WASHINGTON—The John Birch society, a conservative anti-Communist organization, has become "a matter of concern to the attorney general," a justice department spokesman said Friday.

Asked if the department planned any action, the spokesman said "a growing number of inquiries which the justice department has received about the John Birch society has made it a matter of concern to the attorney general." He declined to go beyond that brief statement.

Members of both the house and senate denounced the organization Thursday and called for investigations of its leaders. Several senators have been attacked in letter writing campaigns by society members.

IKE CALLED RED

The most caustic criticism centered around the society's founder, Robert Welch, who is said to have called former President Eisenhower and others Communists.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover spoke out Friday against "reckless charges" and "vigilante action" in a signed editorial in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

Hoover did not mention the John Birch society. Hoover wrote:

"The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen.

"This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action * * *



ROBERT WELCH
Society's founder.

"Attributing every adversity to communism is not only irrational, but contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears * * *

WHAT IT IS

The Birch society was founded in 1948 by Welch, a retired candy manufacturer from Belmont, Mass. It has active chapters in almost every part of the country. The society is named for a Baptist missionary who served as an army intelligence officer in the Far East in World War II. The society says Birch was killed by Chinese

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Communists 10 days after the end of the war.

Sen. Dodd (D-Conn) said he would ask the senate internal security subcommittee to investigate the society and its leaders. Dodd joined Sen. Kuchel (R-Calif), minority whip, in denouncing the organization Thursday in the senate.

Dodd, a member of the subcommittee who often serves as its acting chairman, is one of the senate's most outspoken anti-Communists.

Kuchel said Welch has called Eisenhower "a card-carrying Communist" and that this is "a fantastic and incredible libel."

Kuchel said:

"Good God, should the American people permit this kind of spleen to be poured on a man who has dedicated his whole life to freedom?"

GREAT AMERICAN

He said Chief Justice Earl Warren was "another great American" the society has tried to besmirch.

Kuchel, who has been attacked by the society himself, said Welch should be called before a senate committee and asked the basis for "these miserable charges." The committee, he said, should "make him apologize, not alone to Eisenhower and Warren, but to the people of this country."

Dodd said Welch's charges against Eisenhower, Warren,

former Presidents Roosevelt and Truman and others are "an affront to both decency and intelligence."

Sen. Young (R-ND), who first discussed the society in a senate speech March 8, followed Dodd and Kuchel. He said he had been subjected to a barrage of letters accusing him of "all manner of things." But he said he was confident that many members were unaware of Welch's accusations against Eisenhower and other prominent persons.

Rep. Hiestand (R-Calif), a member of the society, said he has written some house members asking them not to "sound off" until they have the facts about the organization.

Hiestand said he was thinking of asking an investigation of the society because it would clear up what he said was erroneous information about it.

Several S.A. Chapters

A local spokesman revealed Friday there are "several" chapters of the John Birch society in San Antonio, along with a sizeable number in the Alamo city who list their membership with the home chapter in Belmont, Mass.

The number of members, however, was not revealed. One member explained it is against the rules of the organization to reveal the number.

There are no officers in the chapters, with the exception of chapter leaders. The chapters meet in small groups of 10 to 20 members for monthly discussions, the spokesman explained. The meetings are called by the chapter leaders.

C. O. "Buck" Mann, Odessa, who identified himself as a coordinator for the society in Texas, said information as to the number of chapters and members in San Antonio was not available and advised the home chapter be contacted.

Birch Society Defended

S. A. LEADERS

San Antonio leaders of the John Birch society came to its defense Saturday and argued it is not a monolithic organization compelled to do what its leader, Robert Welch, wealthy retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer, wants it to do.

Speaking up were Maj. Gen. W. G. Weaver (ret), wartime commander of the 8th Infantry division who is listed as a member of a national endorsing committee of the society, and Dr. Robert Terrell, leader of one of several local chapters.

PROBE DEMANDED

The society has gained nationwide attention as result of demands of senators of both parties that it be investigated. Several senators have been attacked in letter-writing campaigns of the organization and its leaders have pushed a petition calling for impeachment of Chief Justice Warren.

Terrell said he does not

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know how many chapters there are in San Antonio but that his chapter has 16 to 18 members. He said:

"I understand there are other chapters in town, though."

"Our chapter meets once a month. New members are urged to form their own chapters in order to keep groups small."

He said this was because chapter libraries are small and small groups can carry on discussions better. Terrell noted that in his chapter's library are the books, "The Naked Communist," "Socialist Tragedy" and Sen. Goldwater's "The Conscience of a Conservative."

FILMS, TAPES

Terrell said the library also contains films and tapes on communism.

In regard to the national inquiry being conducted on the John Birch society, Terrell said:

"I think the inquiry is a good thing. I think there has been a misconception of what the society's cause is."

"I have not run into any fanatics in our chapter. Our primary purpose is to acquaint us with the techniques the Communists use and may try to use."

"I do not agree with all that Mr. Welch believes, and we are not required to."

"I do not believe in the impeachment of Mr. Warren. I wrote Mr. Welch on this."

Terrell said, however, that Welch has spent a great deal of time studying communistic tactics, and that if Welch feels something is happening that is wrong, then something should be done about it.

AN "INDORSER"

Weaver described himself as an "indorser" of the society.

He emphasized the aim of the society is to help the people understand what communism is, its objectives and to what extremes the Communists will go to carry out their objectives and achieve world domination.

Like Terrell, Weaver said no one is required to accept Welch's opinion on anything and added:

"We are just an organization using John Birch's name to fight communism."

"It is not a dictatorship. Of course, new members are screened, but it is voluntary and they can get out any time."

Weaver said it is evident the organization is effective, noting that it was founded in 1958 but has spread widely. He said:

ATTACKS SEEN

"The Communists are yelling because they have been hurt by the organization."

Next thing they will attack Welch as being a Fascist. Then they will brand him an anti-Semitic *** then anti-Negro. That is what you can expect."

Weaver declared the investigating committee is not interested in calling Welch because "he would blow the top off a lot of things" with documented facts.

Weaver said he is not a member of any local chapter and did not know any such chapters existed until he read of them in The Light.

He said he would like to have other local members of the society contact him.

ASKS PROBE

BELMONT, Mass. (AP)—Robert Welch, founder of the controversial John Birch society, disclosed Saturday he has asked the senate internal security subcommittee to investigate the organization.

Welch's secretary made public a telegram sent to Sen. Eastland (D-Miss.), subcommittee chairman.

In it Welch promised "none of our members will plead the fifth amendment" and asserted the society's "only crime" is fighting communism."

The telegram was made public after Welch said he never had called President Eisenhower a "card-carrying Communist."

The denial came as criticism of the rightist society mounted following disclosure Welch had written Eisenhower was "dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

OTHER ATTACKS

Welch, in a privately published book, also criticized Milton Eisenhower, brother of the former president and etched former Presidents Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt and the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as "tools of communism."

In Washington Friday a spokesman for the department of justice said the society's activities have become "a matter of concern" to that government agency.

Edgar Hoover, FBI director, also published a statement implying criticism of the society.

Some congressmen have urged investigations by the house committee on un-American activities, the senate internal security subcommittee, and the senate government operations committee.

NO PLANS

However, chairmen of these committees indicated they had no plans for such action.

And one congressman, Rep. Edgar W. Hiestand (R-Calif.), a John Birch member, tagged attacks on the organization a "pro-Communist smear."

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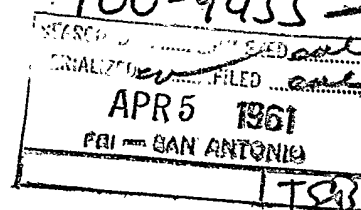
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Above information being submitted to the file, and no further
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John Birch and Company In the Land of the Free

Robert Henry Winborne Welch Jr., the 61-year-old former North Carolina farm boy and now guiding light of the hotly-controversial John Birch Society, has kicked up quite a fuss.

He invites investigation, he says, and there are apparently quite a few folks who would like to have one.

The Society has a program: Foremost, it "fights communism." Next, it wants Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren kicked out of office; the Federal income tax repealed; an end to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; no more foreign aid or cultural exchanges (with the Soviet Union); restrictions on collective bargaining; and an end to all civil rights programs.

That is a list that would tax the energies of a dozen John Birches.

In America it is the privilege of anybody who wishes to lobby for the impeachment of Mr. Justice Warren or any other public officer. It is the privilege, likewise, to lobby for the repeal of the income tax amendment to the Constitution, or any other part of American law.

It is even the privilege of Americans to be communists, if they want to be.

But the advocacy (or opposition) of laws, persons and institutions in America must be done in an orderly and responsible manner. That includes orderly and responsible speech, book, pamphlet or deed.

Mr. Welch and his followers are obliged to follow the law as determined by the Congress and the Courts until such time as they can change them. They are obliged to pay their taxes as determined by the laws and the tax assessors until such time as they can change them.

One criticism of the Welch program so far is that his methods are indiscriminate. One of his close friends told a newsmen: "I know of no man as sincere, honest, devoted and as loyal an American citizen as Bob Welch. But there is a question in his methods. I think he ought to use a rifle instead of a shotgun, perhaps."

The furore has probably done all that any investigation could do, namely, get the controversy into the open. Americans are good judges of people and things when they can see them in the daylight.

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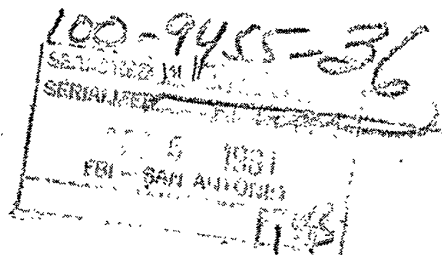
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The Fear Makers

The cloud of witnesses against the John Birch Society grows larger each day.

Interestingly enough, some of the most stringent criticism of the ultra-rightist "fight Communism" group, has come from persons who consistently align themselves on the conservative side of center.

In the staunchly conservative Los Angeles Times, March 12, an editorial contained the following comment:

"If the John Birchers follow the program of their leader, they will bring our institutions into question exactly as the Communists try to do. They will sow distrust, and aggravate disputes, and they will weaken the very strong case for the conservatives."

From former vice-president Richard Nixon, who as a congressman was a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, came a letter endorsing the Times' editorial:

"I can well understand how many well-intentioned people, who are justifiably concerned about the threat which subversive groups present to our institutions, tend to reach the conclusion that the only effective way to fight such an organization is to use the same evil methods they employ . . .

"But there can be no more dangerous fallacy. One of the indelible lessons of human history is that those who adopt the doctrine that the end justifies the means inevitably find that the means is the end."

From Senator Thomas J. Dodd, one of the Senate's most vocal anti-Communists, has come a condemnation of the society's leader, John H. W. Welch, for his charges of communist affiliation of former Presidents Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Harry S. Truman.

Dodd called the accusations "an affront to both decency and intelligence."

Though he did not mention the society by name, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover spoke out last Friday against tactics similar to those the society employs. In a signed editorial in the FBI law enforcement bulletin, he wrote:

"The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen.

"This is neither the time for inaction or vigilante action.

"Attributing every adversity to communism is not only irrational, but contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears."

To these condemnations of the society's practices we must add an emphatic AMEN.

Certainly, fighting communism is the valid concern of every American citizen.

Assuredly, each United States citizen is guaranteed free-

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Editorial

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dom of speech to voice his ideas.

But freedom of speech does not mean freedom to slander or to create mass hysteria.

To an organization which, to accomplish its purposes, uses cell blocks and smear words, loaded questions and semi-secrecy—the very tactics of the organized ideology it purports to be trying to defeat—we must say NO.

We rejoice that the news media have seen fit to try to inform the public as completely as possible about the John Birch Society.

Perhaps, informed, the American public will remember the not-too-distant history of another nation (Germany) which, in the clutches of a hysterical fear of bolshevism, surrendered its freedom to the dictates of an equally oppressive ideology, fascism.

It is well to remember that the extreme left and the extreme right are not so very far apart at all. They intersect at a junction called totalitarianism.

Against threats of oppression of both types we continue to stand unqualifiedly opposed.

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Bill R. Neel (left), chairman of the Texas Department of the American Legion Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, talks with state commander,

Pete E. Turner (right), at a meeting of the committee Saturday at Commodore Perry Hotel. In the center is William G. Nami, a committee member.

Texas Legion Chief Praises Work of John Birch Society

By Associated Press

The commander of the Texas department of the American Legion said Saturday the work of the John Birch Society "is effective and directed for the right purpose."

Pete E. Turner of Midland spoke before the Texas Legion department's committee on counter-subversive activities. The committee will recommend to the Texas Legion's executive committee here Sunday an official position on the Birch Society. A final decision will come from the executive committee.

Meeting in a local hotel, the legionnaires also discussed the controversial house un-American activities committee film "Operation Abolition." The film concerns the student demonstrations during the committee's 1960 hear-

ings in San Francisco, Calif.

"I am not asking that the American Legion make a blanket endorsement of the John Birch Society," Turner said. He added he hopes the committee will point out "the attacks on the John Birch Society is a part of a conspiracy that began in Moscow."

Robert Welch, the former Boston candy manufacturer who heads the society, was invited either to appear at the meeting or to answer by mail a Legion questionnaire on the society's

work. Welch neither appeared nor answered the questionnaire.

Turner said the society's "purpose is good." He said the American press, which in recent weeks has been critical of the three-year-old conservative society, lifted from what he said was a west coast communist publication, "a story attacking the John Birch Society," without there being a voice raised from the society to point out the truth.

He said what he called the country's "liberal press" had aided a communist conspiracy "to crucify a patriotic organization by giving a unilateral dissertation on the subject matter."

Turner said wire services carried no stories of a speech Turner made before the 16th district legion convention in McCamey March 26, in which he commended the Birch Society.

After Turner spoke, the committee met briefly in closed session, then turned to examining a large collection of publications and documents dealing with "Operation Abolition."

Bill Neel of Lubbock, chairman of the counter-subversive activities committee, said "it is not the purpose of this committee to scream communist behind every tree."

"It shall be the purpose of this committee not to call anyone a communist," Neel said.

In his speech in McCamey, Turner said:

"We do know that the John Birch Society is hurting the communist cause. We do know that many legionnaires belong to this organization and are doing effective work against communism. The occasion therefore, is to determine if the society hurts the cause of Americanism."

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Only Two Secrets, Says Birch Founder

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The founder of the controversial John Birch society says it isn't a secret society—and has only two secrets:

"We don't tell how many members we have, and we'll not tell the names of our members."

Robert Welch, Belmont, Mass., gave this explanation when interviewed on a local TV program Sunday night.

Welch appeared with Dr. James W. Fifiield Jr., minister of the First Congregational church of Los Angeles, on the latter's weekly TV program.

Welch said the Birch society is "trying to prevent the breakdown of morality."

He said also it opposes "the disease of collectivism * * * we've got to stop the Communists first. Our primary objective is to educate our neighbors and fellow citizens to what is happening."

Fifiield said he had heard a purpose of the society is to get Chief Justice Earl Warren deposed. Said Welch:

"That's just one of our specific objectives."

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Vets Pause Over Birch

Associated Press Staff

The controversial John Birch Society was discussed by the executive committee of the Texas Department of the American Legion Sunday but the group decided not to take a stand on the organization.

The executive committee voted to send all its information on the right-wing society to the American Legion's national commission on Americanism.

The decision came after the Texas department's counter-subversive activities committee reported the Birch Society was "an organization with a noble aim—fighting Communism."

The counter-subversive committee said it was "not clear on some

of the actions taken by the John Birch Society" and it asked permission to recess without action pending a meeting with Robert Welch April 18 in Houston. Welch is president of the society.

Bill Neel of Lubbock, chairman of the counter-subversive committee, said Saturday night that he was a member of the Birch Society.

Pete Turner, state commander, said the work of the Birch Society "is effective and directed for the right purpose." Turner said the only reason he is not a member is "I'm too busy with Legion affairs."

"I approve every stand the John Birch Society has taken for the purpose of fighting Communism," A. Bliden of Houston said. "But under the national procedure of the American Legion this organization has no right to either approve or disapprove of any other organization."

"The acceptance of any part of this report would constitute in essence, in one form or another, your position. When you go off and authorize this committee to go to Houston . . . it is another indication that could be interpreted as an absolute endorsement of the organization."

Neel said he did not feel membership in the Birch society disqualified him as an objective member of the committee studying the society. He said he was appointed before the Birch society was brought to public attention and that he did not compile the material studied by his committee.

Neel said "The John Birch Society as a whole is a fine patriotic organization whose sole crime, according to Marxist standards, is a continuing and effective battle against Communism."

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Attention Marj Wightman

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Dear Miss Wightman:

I was out of town on March 30th and learned only today about your signed article on the John Birch Society on that date in which you quote from remarks purportedly made by me.

As I read your excellent column I was about to conclude that here at last was one columnist who was going to be fair and factual, until I came to the closing numbered chapters.

Your #1 is correct in part. Actually JBS members are sending all US Congressmen "evidence" gathered from the American Bar Association, Assn of State Supreme Court Justices, Virginia Legislature, etc., etc., which spell out enough a-legal and anti-constitutional acts of the U.S. Supreme Court to justify impeachment.

Your #2 is a lie out of whole cloth. The J.B.S. is NOT interested in any project to ~~label~~ label or call anyone names. The J.B.S. IS interested in the ACTIONS and WORDS of all people in public office and other public positions, such as your own, upon whom this nation must depend if it is to prosper. When their actions and words do not uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution, the Birch Society members believe with other patriotic citizens that such breaches of patriotism ought to be made public and opposed.

Your #3 is ambiguous. If it means that the Birch Society has little use for the "democratic forms" advocated by Khrushchev as he travels about the world, as reported by your paper, it is absolutely accurate! If it means that the J.B.S. ADVOCATES ANYTHING except A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT in strict accordance to the PRESENT U.S. CONSTITUTION, then #3 is another outright lie.

Your closing paragraph is disconnected, but if its inclusion insinuates that the John Birch Society is active in dividing church congregations, it too is a lie.

If our Government investigatory agencies publicly expose Communist Front memberships of certain officers of the National Council of Churches, J.B.S. members ought to be (but are not directed to be) as interested as other Christians who view with alarm the rapid spreading of atheism in this supposedly Christian Nation. J.B.S. members believe apple trees ought to bear APPLES. By the way, [] on what date did you take as "Critical" interest in any one of the many officially labeled Communist Front Associations? Want to compare exuberance!

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Austin, Texas
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Editor
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Dear Sirs

The United States Senate is supposed to be the American Watchdog. Senators must approve appointments to sensitive positions in the executive branch. Senators have a vote and can with-hold funds. If our country slides down the skids into Socialism and eventually Communism, it will do so with the AID, ASSISTANCE, AND KNOWLEDGE of the U.S.Senate, and each and every Senator is equally responsible.

A man, who points out that the U.S.State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency, an arm of that Department, are busy spending US Taxes in support of a Cuban exile (and gang) who was once Prime Minister for Castro and who still believes in everything Castro is doing and wants to get rid of Castro, but keep all of Castro's "ADVANCES" and all of Castro's Communist alliances, is a patriot. No matter what yardstick you use to make the measurement, a man who makes public such information is a patriot.....And the men in the State Department and Central Intelligence Agency who are engaged in such activities are performing acts of TREASON.....

BUT, a U.S.Senator ~~exists~~ who should be raising the roof opposing the aforementioned Treasonable actions does nothing against said TREASON.....but, the Senator takes time out to publicly call the man, with nerve enough and patriotism enough to point out the Treasonous Actions of the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency, a demagogue, etc., etc.

The proCommunists in Washington, in our Government, always defend their treasonous acts by calling anyone who blows away the smokescreen a crack-pot, demagogue, Fascist, Hitler, etc.

Meanwhile, 116 Cuban Exile Associations vote against this Communist exPremier of Castro and 4 Cuban Associations plus the State Department and CIA are FOR him...Now the State Dept and its CIA are busy putting pressure on the 116 negative votes.

Meanwhile the U.S. Senate SITS ON ITS HANDS, DOES NOTHING. The U.S.State Department WANTS A TITO TYPE COMMUNIST CUBA. The 116 Cuban Associations of Exiles want a DEMOCRATIC-REPUBLICAN type Cuban Government.... I wonder what the AMERICAN PEOPLE want. I guess, because I expose the above chicanery, I am a crack pot. If I were important enough nationally Senators would start calling me names....If more AMERICAN PEOPLE would write, wire, and phone them and then VOTE AGAINST THEM if they didn't do their duty, they might tend store and STOP this State Department Drive for a COMMUNIST TITO TYPE CUBA! Don't wring your hands, do something. Our Newspaper is deathly SILENT about THIS! Which helps WHOM?

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The Jabberwock

By CHANDLER DAVIDSON

In what ways does the John Birch Society differ from Communism? It is extremely difficult to say: Let's compare them on a few basic points:

● **METHOD:** Communists resort primarily to subversion in non-Communist countries. They believe that their ideas will be rejected in a free society when placed alongside other doctrines.

Communists seldom engage in public debate; they seldom publish polemics. They rely upon approaching a person singly, exploiting his ignorance, and presenting him with a biased picture of reality.

After the "dupe" has been partially won over, he is allowed to join a "study group," in which indoctrination is intensified. The Chinese Communists used this method effectively in brainwashing experiments among prisoners during the Korean War.

The Birch Society is semi-secret in its membership and activities. Members do not invite people with differing opinions to present their ideas to the group. They will not enter a public debate. The implication is that they too are afraid to match their beliefs in public with opposing views.

The Society also relies upon the individual approach. From the facts so far available, the "study groups" are composed primarily of well-meaning citizens with reactionary beliefs, most of whom have not received a college education. The books which are studied are not varied in content.

President Kennedy thinks the future of liberty in the Americas and the world depends upon the success of the efforts of two peoples in attaining a better life, he said. Members of the Council were officially welcomed to Austin the day morning by Governor P. T. Daniel in an address to a session of the Legislature. Governor Daniel said that effects of the Council's work have been felt in the enlarged program of Spanish instruction in Texas schools.

of their organization, the national press as "Communist-inspired smears." Only a group which is doubtful of its own moral and intellectual justification will dismiss all critics as evil-intentioned.

● **ORGANIZATION:** The Communists are totalitarian. Ultimate power rests at the top. Lower echelons are kept small enough so that no one group can ever challenge high authority. The organization structure is kept secret. Rank and file members do not know how their money is spent; they are not able to determine Party policy except in a very indirect way.

The Society appears also to be totalitarian. Its power structure is secret; it is known that one man, Robert Welch, is the leader. How much influence he has, what he does with membership fees, to what extent his beliefs are "official" Society doctrine, are all unknown to the rank-and-file members.

The study groups split up when a certain number—10 or 20—is reached. This effectively divides the power, and obviates any chances of a democratic structure evolving.

● **AIMS:** The Communists believe in forcing their views upon non-Communists. They believe society cannot exist where major differences of opinion are manifested. Their aim is absolute conformity, and the stable police state which will result.

The Birch Society also believes differences of opinion are bad.

Their operations manual calls for subversion of local groups such as the P-TA, and the forcible direction of such groups once they are subverted.

Their current drive to impeach Justice Warren stems, I feel, not from the belief that due process of law has been circumvented by Justice Warren, but from the Society's personal disagreement with the substance of the Court's decisions.

The Society claims to be conservative. But such an adjective is misleading, for conservatism means the preservation of existing institutions. The Society advocates few such preservations.

The majority of its ideals—less federal government "interference," more freedom of private enterprise, etc.—are reactionary pipe dreams which would involve revoking a half century of progressive legislation.

In conclusion, I feel the John Birch Society is dangerous. The people who laugh it off as a fad are not, I think, aware of what I consider to be the seriousness, the fanaticism, and the ignorance of the Society. Nor are they aware of the influence of the Society's letter-writing campaigns to politicians. Nor are they aware of the large number of Americans who are attracted to a growing movement with firm—however unsound—ideological foundations.

I hope Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, who has expressed concern over the Society's methods, is capable of coping with its threat.

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"This is not the stand of the society, but I feel that most of our people dislike Kennedy, but they dislike Nixon just as much. Most are for Barry Goldwater. If I were old enough to vote in the last election, I would not have been for either Kennedy or Nixon.

"I'm also against the National Council of Churches. However, some of the most religious people I've met are in the society. A professed atheist would be presumed out.

"I personally am against the United Nations. It is the foundation of world government, and something I cannot take. They're

invading our sovereignty. We get one vote to the Soviet Union's three in the General Assembly. Russia would get out if it were hurting them.

"I'm against foreign exchanges with Russians, Czechs, Poles. These programs are all a farce. The Americans who go over there are presented the Red Carpet treatment and come back with a complete misrepresentation.

"Our most effective weapon is being informed. The John Birch society is not generally a gullible group. I consider myself an intellectual. It takes a good deal of reading to convince me that 40-60 per cent of our government is communist-influenced, but it is feasible.

"Look at the way our Constitution gets twisted around. The government is operating 500 ice cream plants in competition with private enterprise.

"Look at the last war. The commander of the Great Falls Base in Montana sent the Russians 12,000 pounds of uranium salt, and we practically sent our whole patent office over there at five cents a patent. There must have been some people in mighty high places to have done this.

A girl who identified herself only as a senior studying education also called the Texan staff writer. "I've been in the society about half a year," she said.

"Robert Welch says if you do not agree with him you don't have to. As far as I know he has not called Earl Warren a card-carrying communist in his monthly bulletins.

"This Time Magazine statement that society members tell their cell leaders of any communist

teachers is very untrue. Somebody has completely misquoted Robert Welch. And we're not called cells.

"Anybody is welcome to the chapter meetings and can get a Blue Book. We just want good conservatives. I would define 'conservative' as being for the right of an individual to advance, for free enterprise, and for less government.

"We meet at the chapter leader's house. We have a recommended reading list and we discuss books. Our meetings are regular, once a week. I think there are around 20 in each chapter. Another one is now organizing.

"I have full faith that this organization is not communist-inspired."

Birchers Telephone Texan

Express View of Society's Philosophy

By PAT RUSCH

(Editor's note: This telephone interview concludes the Texan Feature Editor series of three articles on the John Birch Society.)

A freshman studying physics has belonged to the John Birch Society since December. "You'd probably be surprised if you knew how many of us there are," he said in a telephone call to a Texan staff writer.

This freshman was prompted to call the writer's home three times to defend his group after he read the first in a series of three articles on the John Birch Society. He would not give his name.

"Before I joined, I had always heard praise for the society," he said. "I was completely 'snowed' by the group. I can prove that all those newspaper stories are a lie.

"I am very conservative, not reactionary. I am always at liberty to get out of the society.

"My parents became quite concerned when they learned I had joined, but I took a pile of information home at Easter and now they are convinced I am right.

"We are not all students. I

am the only student in my group, and the youngest. About nine of us attended the last meeting. The chapter is supposed to split when we reach ten or more. I was there when the last chapter divided.

"The society does not seek publicity. It had rather operate without being named. But all this newspaper smear is actually helping us. In Illinois, where the smear went on for a week, membership almost doubled. No one dropped out because of it.

"Our reason for not revealing names? I know some who have, and their lives and those of their children were threatened. I know a poor Methodist layman here in Austin, who is not a member, but he has been making speeches — and he was shot at twice. He now has a good insurance policy — some information on a recording that the pinks do not want out. If he dies, the recordings will be made public."

"You have to be asked to join the Society. I haven't recruited a new member yet. I've thought of several possibilities, but I'm finding so many of them are already members.

"Birchers will not sacrifice morality. We do letter writing to Congressmen, and we fight against slave labor products by talking to store managers who are selling brooms made in Poland. Communists want to destroy our trade in America. They can afford to sell slave labor products at a loss — and this could destroy our economy.

"I do know approximately where our dues money goes. It supports 'fronts,' and I know this term has a bad connotation. Some of our fronts are the Committee for the Protest of the Firing of Medford Evans, who lost his good job in the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Committee for the Impeachment of Earl Warren.

"I'm not sure if this is standard (I've been to two chapters in Austin and one in Dallas), but we usually open our meeting with a prayer, chiefly asking for God's guidance and wisdom. After the pledge of allegiance to the flag, we go over the agenda at least once. This is a program prepared for us by Robert Welch, and it lists our chapter goals and suggested course of action.

"Then maybe someone will

bring up news of a bill in the state legislature, or we'll look at recent clippings and laugh at them. 'Look at what they said about us now,' we say. Our sessions usually last from two and one-half to three or four hours.

"We are not out to hunt Communists. And the society does not claim Earl Warren is a traitor. It does say that he is seriously misbehaving and is a serious threat to the Constitution of this country. He is using the court almost like a legislative body. I'm sure the Communists want Earl Warren where he is.

"No, I have never taken a course in government at the University. But I took civics in high school.

"I hate to see the federal government get more power. It now appears the states are servants of the government. I blame this on FDR.

"Socialism cannot effectively combat communism. A book, 'The Tragedy of Socialism,' proved this to me. I have also read J. Edgar Hoover's 'Masters of Deceit' — and this book is what most impressed me. (See 'BIRCHERS,' Page 6)

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Birchers

John Birch Society members are numerous and vocal here. They write letters upholding their leader, Robert Welch, and his vituperative attacks on Eisenhower, Dulles, Chief Justice Warren. But I can't get any of them to do a TV interview so the public can size them up.

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The San Antonio Light, a daily newspaper published in San Antonio, Texas, in its March 31, 1961, edition, contained an article which reflected that a local spokesman revealed on 3/31/61, there are "several" chapters of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in San Antonio, along with a sizable number in the Alamo city who list their membership with the home chapter in Belmont, Mass.

The number of members, however, was not revealed. One member explained it is against the rules of the organization to reveal the number. There are no officers in the chapters with the exception of chapter leaders. The chapters meet in small groups of ten to twenty members for monthly discussions, the spokesman explained. The meetings are called by the chapter leaders.

C. O. "BUCK" MANN, Odessa, who identified himself as the coordinator for the Society in Texas, said information as to the number of chapters and members in San Antonio was not available and advised the home chapter be contacted.

The April 2, 1961, edition of the San Antonio Light, contained an article which reflected that San Antonio leaders of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY came to its defense on 4/1/61, and argued it is not a monolithic organization compelled to do what its leader, ROBERT WELCH, wealthy retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer, wants it to do. Speaking up were Major General W. G. WEAVER (Ret.), wartime commander of the 8th Infantry Division, who is listed as a member of a national endorsing committee of the society, and Dr. ROBERT TERRELL, leader of one of the several local chapters.

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TERRELL said he does not know how many chapters there are in San Antonio, but that his chapter has 16 to 18 members.

This article in the San Antonio Light further reflected that TERRELL said, "I understand there are other chapters in town, though. Our chapter meets once a month. New members are urged to form their own chapters in order to keep groups small."

TERRELL was also quoted as saying, "I have not run into any fanatics in our chapter. Our primary purpose is to acquaint us with the techniques the Communists use and may try to use. I do not agree with all that Mr. WELCH believes, and we are not required to. I do not believe in the impeachment of Mr. WARREN. I wrote Mr. WELCH on this."

WEAVER described himself as an "indorser" of the Society. He emphasized the aim of the Society is to help the people understand what communism is, its objectives, and to what extremes the communists will go to carry out their objectives and achieve world domination. Like TERRELL, WEAVER said no one is required to accept WELCH's opinion on anything. WEAVER said he is not a member of any local chapter and did not know any such chapters existed until he read of them in The Light.

The 3/31/61, edition of the Waco News Tribune, a daily newspaper published in Waco, Texas, contained an article which reflected that leaders of Mexia's (Texas) chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY say there is nothing secret or semi-secret about their organization. They say they think their national organization has become the subject of a lot of controversy in magazines and newspaper over the country because it is misunderstood and because it is beginning to hurt the communists.

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V. A. MC CULLOUGH, Coordinator of the Mexia chapter, got in the spotlight when he fired a letter to Time magazine, raking Time over the coals for a recent article on the Society which MC CULLOUGH considered unfair. Time published the letter.

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[redacted]
[redacted] said anybody is welcome to attend their monthly meetings, and that it was no secret as to who are members of the chapter. They said the organization's main purpose is opposing communism and promoting the principles of Americanism.

[redacted] operates a [redacted] in [redacted]
[redacted] is a member of the [redacted] and is an [redacted]

[redacted] said of the local chapter that they definitely are not controlled or dictated to in any manner. He said that it is about as wide open as an organization can be and still be a cohesive organization.

[redacted] said the [redacted] chapter was organized in October, 1960, and as far as he knows is the only one in the [redacted] area, although he said since [redacted] he has received a letter from a student at Baylor University, inquiring about the possibility of organizing a chapter in Waco.

[redacted]
Austin 5, Texas
April 3, 1961

To the Editor:-

Although I am not a member of the John Birch Society, I wish I were. Despite all the published accounts of the attack on Mr. Welch, there are some things that seem to be over-looked. The Society is opposing the policy of the Marxist Manifesto. If you want to know what the Marxist Manifesto is, you can write to "Life-Line", Washington 3, D.C. and ask for letter 90 entitled Marxist Manifesto which cost twenty-five cents.

Also, it would be a good idea for the Austin Paper to look in their own files and reprint an article by J. Edgar Hoover, which appeared in the Sunday, Nov. 1, 1959 issue. Then it might be a good idea to ask a question of your selves. Is the attack on Robert Welch simply a smoke screen covering an indirect attack on J. Edgar Hoover?

There is a tendency in this nation to ridicule any one who mentions Psychological war-fare and brand certain individuals as "withahunters" or "Schizophrenic with a persicution complex," or even libelous. But I suggest that rather than closing the mind to new ideas, it might be a good idea to look at the other extreme and develop a new perspective. The idea that We can NOT be influenced by the softening-up process of disrespect for our traditional ways, is fallacious as well as dangerous. An example of our thoughtlessness is found in the complacency we adopt toward the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of this nation. Remember -- it starts out: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the REPUBLIC for which it stands -- " yet we have many loyal citizens who insist this nation is a Democracy.

"Life Line" no. 32 dated March 15, 1961 has a good explanation for the Psychological war-fare through Psychopolitics. Can any informed citizen be so naive as to read currant events and doubt that this nation is the object of Psychological war-fare?

Thank you,

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of the John Birch Society. When a teacher holds a public post, he has a public responsibility. If a man is hired by someone he is supposed to follow the policy of the employer, and teachers of the University are hired by the State, the taxpayers.

"When my son enrolls at the University, if he comes home and says the teacher is not following

the policy of the constitutional republic, I'll buy him a tape recorder myself."

"This man did not print the truth when he said the John Birch Society has a project which involved investigating the teachers of the University."

Morris, contacted by the Texan, said, "My response to the doctor is that I've done extensive research on the Society. It is a com-

mon technique of the Society to say that their members are involved in activities individually, and that the Society itself is not involved. I've got evidence that everything in the story is absolutely true.

"I haven't heard any of their tapes, but I know for a fact that tape recorders have been used. Everything I said was true, and the doctor knows it."

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Birchers on Campus—Morris

Student Reports to Observer Editor

By LAURA McNEIL
Texan Feature Editor

The John Birch Society is operating on campus, taping teachers' lectures, and working to bring about a full-scale investigation of the University, according to Willie Morris in this week's issue of the Texas Observer.

Morris said that a student had come to him and told him that he had joined the society with the hope of exposing it. The student said that the University chapter meets in the home of a music teacher and works in co-operation with an Austin business enterprise which is really a front for the organization, according to Morris.

"She showed him a copy of 'Sex and Love in the Bible' which she said was being pushed by 'Communist-front' groups at UT and related organizations, such as the YMCA and the Wesley Foundation."

The Rev. Bob Breihan of the Wesley Foundation told the Texan, "It is a book that is used

from time to time, but no group in the Foundation has used it this year."

Miss Ann Appenzellar, "Y" executive secretary, said that the book was not in the "Y" library. "It is a very reputable book, but I don't know what 'pushing' it would mean."

Morris said that the student told him that two members of the Department of Public Safety supplied the chapter with two tape recorders. He said the student told him that the president of the campus chapter said that the woman at the downtown business had pictures of each of the University stand-in demonstrators.

Colonel Homer Garrison Jr., Director of the Department of Public Safety told the Texan that it was improper for a State organization to loan out equipment. He said that this Observer paragraph quoting him was substantially correct:

"Garrison would say very little. 'We don't co-operate with societies,' he said. But if the information on that co-operation is rela-

ble? He said it is necessary that his agency hear reports from all kinds of people but these reports are handled delicately. When questioned further, he said there are 'certain things we don't divulge. I would think this would be just about as far as you can go, because you're getting into the field of our investigation.'"

Morris said that he contacted the boy who his informant said was the president, and that the boy denied belonging to the Society. Later, reported Morris, his informant used his own tape recorder to record a telephone conversation with the alleged president.

According to Morris' article the president told the informant that he had been contacted by a reporter who "knew everything." The president reportedly told the informant to "play it dumb."

Morris wrote that his informant said that the people in the downtown business had sent to the House Un-American Activities Committee for information on three University professors. He

said that his informant produced an information blank used by the Society in "tabulating 'subversion'" at the University.

Student Organizations on this list, according to Morris, are the YMCA, Unitarian Church, Christian Faith and Life Community and The Daily Texan.

A known member of the Birch Society was contacted by the Texan. An Austin chiropractor, he said that he was quoted in the Observer as "Dr. . . ." and that the quotes were correct "as far as they went."

The Observer quoted him as saying that the Birch Society was not a secret organization. "We don't want totalitarianism of any kind—Communist or Fascist. We just want good conservative Jeffersonian democracy . . . If you were to set up an organization to oppose the whole socialist trend in the United States, you'd almost have to set up a duplicate of the John Birch Society, wouldn't you?" he says in the Observer.

The doctor told the Texan that he asked Morris "how come he

was investigating a pro-American organization instead of a pro-Communist organization.

"I don't see the Observer or the Texan or anyone else investigating communism at the University," he told the Texan.

"Anyone can join the society. But if you joined, and you were a murderer and went out and murdered someone, Robert Welch would not be responsible for your action.

"I've heard there are some John Birch society members on campus. Is that a sin? Is the John Birch Society responsible for their private acts? There is no connection between their activities at this time and the Birch Society, though I myself think it would be a good idea to investigate our universities. There are bound to be some on the faculty who are teaching socialism instead of Americanism.

"It's not wrong for these boys to have guts enough to check on their teachers. They were probably doing this before they ever heard

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Red Threat Told Solons By Austinite

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By Associated Press

Many people are "paralyzed by fear of the Communist threat," a member of the John Birch Society told a House Committee Monday night.

He was James Alfred Kindred of Austin, who identified himself as a member of the Birch group and who said he would welcome an investigation of it.

The House state affairs committee heard half a dozen witnesses who said they favored establishment of a House investigating committee to look into subversion "at all levels of government, its agencies and institutions and in all public and private associations and organizations."

The resolution by Rep. Wesley Roberts of Seminole, setting up machinery and spelling out the powers of the proposed investigating committee, was routinely shunted to subcommittee. Several members of the House's key policy-setting committee said they did not expect it to go any further.

Kindred, identifying himself as a business machine service engineer, told the committee he thought government agencies have fallen down on the job of investigating and exposing communism.

Kindred said that other steps should be taken, then refused to answer a question as to what he meant specifically. Committee Chairman Bill Hollowell of Grand Saline told Kindred that refusal to answer such question was legally regarded as a misdemeanor.

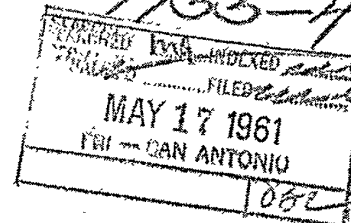
Kindred then said that he would do his own investigating.

"I have no specific plans therefore I can not give more details," he said.

Questions from committee members mostly centered on whether or not the various witnesses thought that the federal agencies and the Texas House investigating committee were not already sufficient to keep an eye on communism and subversion.

All replied that another committee as proposed by Rep. Roberts would serve a useful purpose. Kindred said it would "allay the fear" of the public of communism.

The Austin Statesman
Austin, Texas
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(Editor's Note: Prompted by recent articles in The Daily Texan about the John Birch Society, Don McAlvany, a junior at the University and a member of the Society, submitted this article for publication in an attempt to clarify the Society's aims and beliefs.)

Based upon this premise, a group of students and ex-students, a few months ago began to look into the possibilities of subversion at The University of Texas. Several recent newspaper articles have tried to link these people's activities with the John Birch movement. While many noble and not quite so noble activities are "attributed" to the JBS, it would be doing a disservice to the dozens of interested individuals who are not Birchers to link these activities solely to the Society.

The recent articles concerning the group's activities left a good deal to be desired with respect to accuracy and objectivity. The supposedly "reliable source" of information, The Daily Texan quoted so religiously, was apparently not reliable enough to disclose his identity.

Is it possible that even The Daily Texan, guilty of printing without checking reliability of source and accuracy of information, now realizes that the "mysterious informer" could possibly, in his vehemence against anti-Communism, have been guilty of several gross exaggerations and

AUSTIN (AP)—The Senate slipped down another administration tax proposal Wednesday and advanced a \$366 million revenue bill based mainly on retail sales taxes. The key vote was 17-14 against the \$362.4 million modified or double the sales tax measure backed by Gov. Price Daniel as a revenue raiser not covered in his opposi-

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Target — Youth." In it Hoover explains: "The successful Communist exploitation and manipulation of youth and student groups are a major challenge which we must meet and defeat. Recent events clearly reveal that communism has launched a massive campaign to capture and maneuver youth and student groups. Particularly unfortunate is the fact that many youth and student groups in our nation today are totally unaware of the extent to which they can be victimized and exploited by the Communists."

The Communists have told us that they plan to infiltrate our schools and subvert the minds of our youth; so is it really so inconceivable that they might actually be doing this? As for the people who suggest that the average citizen not concern himself with the subversion around him, I ask, then, who should?

Socialism is so inconsistent with our capitalist, free enterprise economic system and our republican form of government, that it is very close to the tenets of the Communist system. Khrushchev says that "socialism and communism are essentially the same thing." Actually, the dictatorship of the proletariat which exists in Russia today is a form of socialism.

John Strachey, a top official in the Labor Socialist Party of England and for many years an openly avowed Communist, wrote a book entitled, "The Theory and Practice of Socialism." In the book he says, "...It is impossible to establish communism as the dominant force in capital-
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received a research grant in 1968
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ics, enrolled in one of these courses. If he were presented with a very academic approach to Keynesian, Fabian, or Marxian socialism without any alternative pointed out, how would this affect him?

If it were never explained to him that this "liberal" picture was actually socialism how would it affect his political thinking? If he was subtly subjected to clichés of socialism in his lectures and textbooks, how would this affect him?

If our national heroes and the institutions which have made America great are continually shown in a ridiculous light, how will this affect his patriotism? The answer to these questions is rather clear. The student in our theoretical situation has not been exposed to the basic precepts of capitalism, Americanism, and patriotism, but the negation of each of these.

His instructor is a learned man of stature and what he says in his lecture is echoed by the textbook; therefore, the student's only conclusion can be that the instructor's analysis is correct. Once again, let me reiterate, it is the instructor's prerogative to teach a course in socialism if he so desires; but, if so, then he should label it as a course in the Theory of Socialism.

An even better solution would be to show both sides of the picture objectively, and allow the student to decide for himself which is more in line with our American way of life. Do the Communists teach the merits of capitalism to the exclusion of

Dr. Handy has served this year as assistant to the dean of the Graduate School. In that capacity, he has been director of fellowships and chairman of the committee on graduate fellowships and scholarships. He also serves as chairman of the Public Lectures Committee and director of the

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By PAUL THOMPSON

"Sir: In the last few weeks I have read numerous articles attacking the "Let's Look at America" forum to be presented in September by the San Antonio Jaycees. Could it be possible that in a city the size of San Antonio there is no one who cares enough about freedom from communism to defend such a seminar?

"For several years I have been gravely concerned about the question, WHAT CAN I DO TO KEEP MY CHILDREN AND MYSELF FREE? I know there are others who MUST want to find out what to do to fight communism, and I cannot understand why their side has not been presented to the public.

"All of the articles in the paper have been against the seminar except what the Jaycees said in their own defense. Is everyone against it, or do the papers print just one side?

"The only plausible reason for a person to be against such a seminar is that they do not want the average citizen to know how to combat communism, and this person would have to be a communist himself to want this.

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"Of course, everyone understands that there will always be a few politicians who want publicity and don't particularly care how they get it, but should this 'publicity hunger' be at the expense of a non-partisan, non-political, fact-informing meeting such as the proposed seminar? Do these people have to plant the seed of distrust in something so important to every citizen in this nation?

"Surely the newspapers of San Antonio do not believe that the Jaycees and sponsors are intending to undermine the United States Government with this meeting. Does the opposition represent not being asked to be a sponsor?

"Someone must take the initiative along these lines. We have all sat back and waited for the other fellow to do something about communism too long. Give the citizens who will attend and benefit from this meeting a chance to say something about it. This is too important a subject to be knocked around by a few. How can two or three persons determine what is right or wrong for 600,000?

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"I have been wondering why none of this protective attitude was voiced last year when seminars were held on the North Side that really were along John Birch lines. I personally know of individuals who were greatly misled by those particular seminars, and not a word was raised against them. Was it because they were held without publicity, with only a certain class of citizens invited? Do we have to hide the fact that we want to remain free and learn how best to go about it NOW?

"I am not ashamed of my patriotism nor am I afraid that I am being duped by the FBI, the United States Armed Forces or my Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"The most important function of such a meeting is to make us think—and think we should, before it is too late."

Signed: Mrs. R. P. Rawson,
559 Wayside Dr., city.

Mainly Pena

(Note: Com. Albert Pena has been opposing the Jaycee seminar, mainly because a tentative list of proposed speakers included a couple of strong right-wingers. Jaycees offered to withdraw any highly controversial names and called for suggestions as to who should speak. Instead of making any, Pena announced that he wanted to address the Jaycees on evils of the John Birch Society. He apparently insists on equating the seminar with the Birch Society. He also attacks the Fourth Army for assigning a man to work with Jaycees on the project. And that's about where it stands today. It's clear that no worthwhile seminar is possible unless extremists of all types are kept off the speakers panel.)

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TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

DATE: 8/31/61

FROM : SA, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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On August 31, 1961 U.S. Customs Inspector [REDACTED] Hidalgo, Texas advised that [REDACTED] Houston, Texas entered the U.S. from Mexico in a light green Volkswagen automobile, 1961 Texas license [REDACTED] When he stopped for customs inspection it was noted that he had books, film and a movie projector in his car.

[REDACTED] explained to USS. Customs officers that he was a representative of the John Birch Society and that the books, film and projector were used in conjunction with the work of this society. He stated he had driven across the border into Mexico to shop for curios, had not been into the interior of Mexico and had not used any of the movie equipment or books in Mexico. He was technically in violation of customs laws in that he did not declare the material for export prior to leaving the U.S. but was not penalized and was allowed to go on his way.

Inspector [REDACTED] stated that in view of the controversial nature of the John Birch Society he felt he should advise the FBI of the incident. He added that [REDACTED] is staying temporarily at a motel in McAllen, however, he failed to obtain the name of the motel.

The above is submitted for information of the SAC.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 10-5-61

FROM : SC

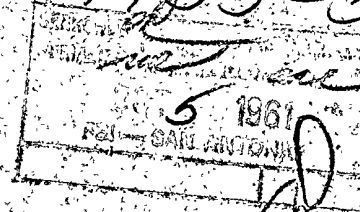
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John Birch Society*

At approximately 1:45 AM this date, an individual who refused to identify himself contacted this office and requested information on the John Birch Society, stating that he had been approached to join this organization. Subject was then informed that the Bureau did not furnish information regarding other organizations. At this point, Subject suddenly began talking about lumber being bought at Lackland AFB, stating that something was not right out there. His conversation at this time was not clear and he stated that hunting blinds were being sold at Lackland for \$20.00 and something about a carload of lumber being sold for \$1000.00, and finally something about a large fire at the base. He said he had been a Non-Com with 10 to 15 years service, and added he could not reveal his source of information. Subject then hung up phone abruptly.

Judging from conversation, Subject seemed sober but appeared to be trying to impress someone.

*Do we have
a lead file
on John Birch
Society?
if so file this*



DIRECTOR, FBI (64-104401)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] Texas,
on 8/22/61, advised SA [redacted] of the following information:

[redacted]
[redacted] became involved in a discussion about world politics and current events and at this time [redacted] advised [redacted] had been selected to join an organization which [redacted] headed. The name of the organization was [redacted]

[redacted] the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY". [redacted] stated that [redacted] advised that the purpose of the organization was to fight communism. [redacted]

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He then advised that he began to doubt that the organization had any legitimate connection with the FBI and he thought that he should speak to an Agent of the FBI about it. [redacted] advised that he knows [redacted]

[redacted] and that he is in his [redacted] year at that school.

The following descriptions were furnished by [redacted]

[redacted]
Name [redacted]
Age 22
Race White
Sex Male
Height 6'
Weight 200 lbs.
Build Stocky
Hair Black, crewcut
Eyes Brown
Complexion Fair
Occupation Student, [redacted]
[redacted] Texas
Residence Dormitory, [redacted]

Name [redacted]
Age 21
Race White
Sex Male
Height 5'10"
Weight 165 lbs.
Build Medium
Hair [redacted]
Complexion Fair
Occupation Student, [redacted]
[redacted] Texas
Residence [redacted] Texas

2.
Name Unsub, aka. [redacted]
Height 6'
Race White
Sex Male
Weight 165 pounds
Hair Brown
Build Slender
Eyes Brown

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Name	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	Student, [REDACTED] Texas
Residence	[REDACTED] Texas,
Telephone #	[REDACTED]

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Remylet 9/19/61 and Bureau letter 9/29/61 under
above title.

In the course of the handling of this matter as out-
lined hereinafter, it was ascertained on 10/5/61 through Chief
of Police WARREN DODSON, NA, Abilene, Texas Police Department
that the true name of the individual referred to in relets as
[redacted] is [redacted]

Chief DODSON said [redacted] and a boy
named [redacted] were all arrested on [redacted] on charges
of [redacted]

[redacted] All were subsequently indicted on the theft
charge by the Grand Jury and on 2/26/60 all three were given
3 year probated sentences on the theft indictment. [redacted]
and [redacted] were also indicted on the [redacted] charge, but no
court action has ever been taken on this, and probably will
not be unless the conditions of the boys' probation are broken,
DODSON said.

In view of the allegations [redacted] has been seen with
a firearm in a shoulder holster on his person, the detail of the
data furnished by [redacted] was made known to him.
[redacted] was not identified to DODSON in this regard, and he was
told no investigation of the matter has been made by the FBI.

It was further pointed out to Chief DODSON that, as
he would probably know without being told, [redacted] and [redacted]
do not have, and never have had, any connection with the FBI
of any kind; that the Bureau has no knowledge of, and certainly
has not sanctioned or sponsored, any "organization" [redacted] and
[redacted] may have formed, or may in the future form; and that the
FBI definitely did not have any part in, and had absolutely no
knowledge at the time of, the depradations for which [redacted]
and [redacted] were arrested in January, 1960, and, similarly,

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had nothing whatever to do with [redacted] from the U.S. Marine Corps. Chief DODSON said he, of course, understood this. He said he would see the allegations concerning [redacted] possibly being in possession of and carrying, weapons were made known to proper authorities in Abilene.

On 10/4/61 [redacted] was interviewed in a Bureau car outside his place of employment, the [redacted] by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]. He said he works here during the afternoons, and during the mornings attends [redacted] as a student.

Without identifying the source there was sketched for him the details of the information received by the Bureau to the effect he and [redacted] were, or had been, trying to form some sort of "Anti-Communist organization" [redacted]

[redacted] said he knew of only one incident which would have given rise to the above, this being on the occasion some six or eight weeks ago when [redacted] at the invitation of [redacted]

[redacted] said he has no recollection of [redacted]

It seemed apparent to the interviewing agents [redacted] was "hedging" in the telling of his story, and he was informed as much. He was additionally told, however, that Agents were not there essentially for the purpose of "quizzing" him or attempting to prove or disprove the reports we had received, but for one purpose only, that purpose being to inform him in no uncertain terms that the FBI will not tolerate its name being used without complete authority under any circumstances, or for any purpose, and that he should clearly understand this and govern himself accordingly in the future. He was told the FBI has no interest

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in his or [] activities so long as no federal laws are violated and same did not encroach upon or interfere with our responsibilities, but in connection with any of them we will insist they studiously avoid giving anyone the impression, directly or indirectly, that the FBI is in any way involved in them, has sanctioned them, or is lending any support to them.

[] said the boy referred to as [] was

[] was contacted telephonically at []
[] and subsequently came to and was interviewed at the Abilene Resident Agency on 10/4/61 by SAS [] and []

[] upon being given the same detail as had [] also identified the incident from which this information had probably arisen []

[] He denied having made any statements which would even imply the FBI was in any way involved, or that he had any connection or contact past or present with the FBI.

[] was told, as had been [] the Agents were not talking to him to go over the occurrences of that evening, or any of his other activities, but wanted to specifically point out and emphasize to him, in view of the reports we had received, he is never, under any circumstances, to say anything which will directly or indirectly indicate the FBI is in agreement with, in back of, or in any way supports or sanctions any of his activities; that any such statements by him or any other

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unauthorized person will not be tolerated and could have unpleasant consequences. He was further told the FBI had no interest in any organizational aspirations he might have so long as there was no violation of federal law and no interference with or encroachment upon our responsibilities, but that we would insist the name of the FBI be kept out of the picture completely in connection with any such program.

No question was left in the minds of either [] or [] as to what the Bureau's position in matters such as the above is, and the seriousness of the affair was thoroughly impressed upon them. They said, following the interviews with them, they completely understood this.

[] also identified the individual referred to my relet as [] as []

On 10/5/61 [] was interviewed at his residence in [] by SA [] and it was re-emphasized to him the FBI is in no manner involved in any activities of [] and [] or those of any other individuals whom he might have met or with whom he might have come into contact while in Abilene. He was told any information he might have been given in this regard by [] or [] was strictly figments of their imaginations; that the FBI does not tolerate such implications by unauthorized individuals and is taking definite steps to see this is thoroughly understood by all individuals involved.

Enclosed for the San Antonio is one verifax copy each of Dallas letter to Bureau dated 9/19/61 and Bureau letter To Dallas dated 9/29/61.

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AT [] TEXAS

UACB will interview [] at the []
[] along lines requested in rebulet.

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Date: October 12, 1961

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✓ To: SAC, San Antonio

✓ From: Director, FBI (62-104401)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re Dallas letter 10/6/61 enclosing copies of
Dallas letter to the Bureau dated 9/19/61 and Bulet to
Dallas dated 9/29/61. for your office.

Bureau indices do not contain any record identifiable
with [redacted] a student at the [redacted]
[redacted] Texas.

You are instructed to promptly interview [redacted]
in accordance with the lead set forth in relet and furnish
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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Dallas letter to the Director, 9/19/61, Bureau letter to Dallas, dated 9/29/61, and Dallas letter to Director, dated 10/6/61.

On October 13, 1961, [redacted] a student, [redacted] residing at [redacted] Texas, was contacted by SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON and SA H. T. BURK in the Student Union Building at [redacted]. Several attempts had been made to contact him at his apartment at [redacted] with negative results.

[redacted] was very humble, admitted his mistake, and apologized for having participated in the incident in [redacted] Texas, in August, 1961. He readily admitted that he was not thinking, and now realized the seriousness of the incident.

Instructions contained in Bureau letter, September 29, 1961, were followed, and [redacted] was admonished accordingly. He was also apprised of the Bureau's responsibilities in internal security field.

[redacted] indicated a very high regard for the FBI, and promised that he would never permit himself to become involved in such an incident in the future. He was also very appreciative of the Bureau's position in this matter, and expressed regret that it was necessary to take the Agents' time in this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-0)

DATE: 10/20/61

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 9/29/61 [REDACTED] Texas, telephonically contacted the writer from [REDACTED] Texas, and asked for a personal interview with an FBI Agent regarding a matter which she considered to be of a subversive nature and which she did not want to discuss over the telephone. [REDACTED] indicated she would come to Waco, Texas, to talk to an Agent; however, in view of the fact that the writer had to go to San Antonio, Texas, on 10/2/61 and it would not be out of the way to go by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was advised that an Agent would contact her on 10/2/61.

On 10/2/61 SA [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Texas. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and operates a general merchandising store there. Her mother is very active in the [REDACTED] in that area. [REDACTED]

Upon being contacted [REDACTED] advised that with the beginning of this school year she was elected as [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Texas, and that one [REDACTED] the wife of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Texas, was elected [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that before she realized what was happening, [REDACTED] who she feels certain is probably a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, lined up some programs for this year's [REDACTED] meetings which she does not feel should be brought before a [REDACTED] group. [REDACTED] advised their first program dealt with the organization of the [REDACTED] and etc., but the second program which is to be held in October will have the film "Operation Abolition" and the meeting for November 1961 will have [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but who she feels certain is also a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. [REDACTED] advised that although she does not personally know the other individuals on the program throughout

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the year, she does know that most of the programs are of this same type and feels certain the individuals on the program are either members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY or these same type individuals.

[] was advised that this was not a matter within the jurisdiction of the FBI and inasmuch as there was no specific allegation that any federal law had been violated, nor was there any information furnished of a subversive nature, no investigation in this matter could be conducted by the FBI.

In view of the controversial nature of this matter and the ill feeling that apparently exists in the [] at [] Texas, this is being made a matter of record in the event the FBI's name is used by [] in an attempt to set aside the programs which have been arranged for the [] and any criticism of the FBI which may follow.

Upon leaving [] she did not indicate she was going to do anything of this nature, but she did indicate there was much ill feeling among officers of the [] and in the "heat of battle" such allegations might be made.

Birch Use Of CC List Protested

A Chamber of Commerce official strongly protested Friday the use of the chamber's membership list for advertising a forthcoming appearance here of the John Birch Society founder, Robert Welch.

"We had absolutely nothing to do with it," said Chamber Manager Vic Mathias. "We're not at all pleased about it."

The mailing consisted of letters addressed to "Dear Fellow Member of the Chamber of Commerce." They were signed by Austin physician James W. Lassiter.

The letter promoted the activities of the Austin Anti-Communism League. It urged the recipient to read the league's newspaper, Freedom Views, advertised a bookstore operated by the league at 215 West Eighth Street, and asked for financial support.

Enclosed in the mailing was a copy of the newspaper, a check list for contributions ranging from a \$3 newspaper subscription to a \$25 membership, and a printed envelope addressed to the league.

Mathias said the Chamber of Commerce knew nothing about the letter or how the membership list was obtained. He surmised that the names of members were taken from a many months old edition of the chamber magazine, "Austin in Action." He said this list did not include addresses so that it could not be used for solicitations.

"Dr. Lassiter must have looked up the addresses of our more than 2,000 members, or had somebody do it for him," Mathias said.

Lassiter said Mathias was correct. "I got the membership names from Austin in Action, and I personally looked up every name in the telephone book to get the addresses," the physician said.

"I believe I have a perfect right to write any member of any organization I belong to," he said.

"Naturally, when you make a blanket appeal, you make some

people unhappy," Lassiter said. Lassiter said he was only a rank and file member of the Anti-Communism League. Insurance man Jack Sucke is general chairman.

Mathias said the chamber office had received calls of protest from some members.

"We don't appreciate the using of the chamber's name or its membership list for contacts for solicitation," Mathias said.

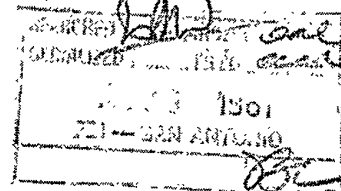
He said his feelings would be the same no matter what organization was involved.

"Whether we approve of what is being promoted is not the point," he said. "It's the unauthorized use of the chamber's good name that we don't like."

The Birch society founder will address a "Freedom Rally" sponsored by the Anti-Communism League at the Municipal Auditorium Monday at 8 p.m.

The Austin Statesman
Austin, Texas
November 17, 1961

Charles E Green-Editor



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

FROM : SA George W.H. Carlson

SUBJECT: Robert Welch

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On 11/13/61 Mr. R.A. Miles, Chief of Police, Austin Police Department, Austin, Texas informed that he received a call from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Austin, Texas informing that subject will ~~xxx~~ speak in the Municipal Auditorium Austin, Texas 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM on 11/20/61 under the sponsorship of the Austin Anti-Communist League. Chief Miles said [REDACTED] requested 3 police officers on the inside of the auditorium and one outside during the speech. Mr. Miles said this is SOP to have police officers at the auditorium since it is property of the City of Austin and the police officers ~~xxx~~ will be there to protect city property.

Chief Miles had no further info.

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Rally Talk By Welch At 8 P.M.

John Birch Society founder and head Robert Welch will appear Monday at 8 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium as the Austin Anti-Communism League's second Freedom Rally speaker.

The rally has been involved in a controversy in Austin since Friday that matches the controversy surrounding Robert Welch.

Dr. James W. Lassiter, league member, began the Austin controversy with letters addressed to "Dear Fellow Member of the Chamber of Commerce" in an effort to publicize Welch's appearance and secure support for the Austin league.

The Monday rally is the second of five scheduled by the league. The group is reportedly negotiating for appearances by Ronald Reagan, Thomas Dodd and General Thomas Walker.

Tickets for the Welch address are available at the American Freedom Book Store, 215 West Eighth Street, and the auditorium box office. Tickets are \$1 each.

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Welch Flays US Regime

BY WRAY WEDDELL JR.

Bostonian Robert Welch has been to town to be picketed by students, challenged by a cameraman, and to flay the United States government as a partner in global Communist conspiracy.

Welch, chief architect of the sizzingly controversial John Birch Society, spoke Monday night to a "freedom rally" in the Municipal Auditorium sponsored by the Austin Anti-Communism League.

Some 50 University of Texas students demonstrated in front of the meeting hall with such signs as, "Robert Welch is an Extremist," and, "Subversion Whether on the Right or Left Is Still Subversion."

There were no incidents on the picket line — and there were plenty of police to prevent them.

Welch didn't get to read the demonstrators' placards. He went in a rear door.

Soon after Welch began talking he ordered a television cameraman to "take that camera out." He said he had requested that all pictures be taken before the speech. The photographer stayed put.

Twenty minutes later Welch told the cameraman to "get out." Said Welch, "I've been in 47 states and

I've never been treated so rudely. Now you get going and take that thing with you." From the audience came cries of "throw him out." The cameraman didn't budge. "It isn't even running," the photographer said of his camera.

Welch gave up, saying, "I know you know it bothers me and you're staying here just to annoy me. All right, I'll just try to forget you are here."

Welch's speech—a familiar one —included these charges:

The US government has been a powerful force behind the advance of communism...The Reds have influenced every decision in Washington since 1941...Pearl Harbor was planned by Stalin to get the US into World War II...Integration is Red inspired...Foreign aid has been a great help to communism... Three per cent of US protestant clergymen are Reds.

Insurance man Jack Sucke, chairman of the sponsoring Austin Anti-Communism League, said there is no connection between Welch's organization and the League, "but we are in sympathy."

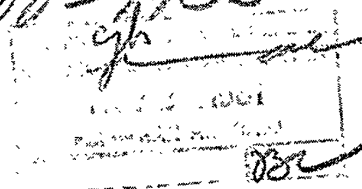
Said Sucke of the Birch Society, "It must grow and we want to do all we can to help it grow."

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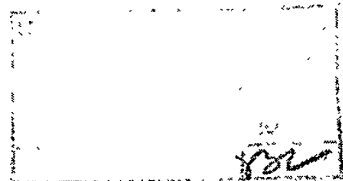


Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, gets his picture taken before addressing an Austin Anti-Communism League rally in the Municipal Audi-

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torium. During his speech he ordered a photographer out of the auditorium but the american stood his ground.

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Substitute Danger

Like a music leader, Robert Welch directed the "Symphony of Unreason" Monday night, and the majority of his chorus-audience responded blindly on cue.

"There was nothing wrong with (Sen.) McCarthy's methods for the patriotic American," Welch sang to 2,000 people gathered for an Austin Anti-Communist League Freedom Rally Monday night. "It was Joe McCarthy's methods of fighting communism which actually exposing Communists that cared the daylight out of the Communists."

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The chorus responded with cheers and applause. There were similar reactions when Welch, founder of the ultra-conservative John Birch Society, said most of the drive for integration in the South was Communist inspired and had been all the time, and when he answered a question about why college students can be "easily fooled by Communists and para-Communists" by saying that at least 30 years of brainwashing has been going on in the institutions to which college students are subjected.

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Throughout the evening the audience reaction to Welch's remarks seemed unreasoning, and in a broad sense, dangerous. It was unreasoning in that the majority of the audience made no attempt to analyze Welch's remarks or to view them objectively. Whenever the speaker said something that sounded good by seeming to offer a simple solution to government, economic, or social problems, the audience chimed favorably.

It was dangerous in that it is precisely this type of unreasoning reaction that leads to the rise of demagogues and dictators. It is significant that during the rise of Hitler in the early 1930's few people bothered to question his policies because the end sounded good, even if the means were somewhat unorthodox. Later, no one

dared to question his policies.

And this type of blind loyalty and unreasoning acceptance of the dictums of a leader is exactly what Welch is looking for among his followers. One either accepts what Welch has to say as The Truth or one is a Comsymp (Welch's tag for Communist sympathizers) and has no place in the anti-Communist crusade.

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The law is laid down in no uncertain terms in The Blue Book, Bible of the Birchers, where Welch says people will be accepted into the Society "primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership . . . Whenever, either through infiltration by the enemy or honest differences of opinion, that loyalty ceases . . . the members can either resign or will be put out . . . We are not going to have factions developing on the two-side-to-every-question theme."

All this is not to say that there may not be a certain amount of truth in what Welch has to say. Certainly his "principle of reversal," whereby Communists gain acceptance of their policies by pretending to be for the things they are actually against, is a sound application of reverse psychology. And there is little doubt that there is an organized effort by the Communists to infiltrate government, educational, and religious institutions.

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But to ask the American people to submit themselves unconditionally to leadership in an anti-Communist movement, to approve of the terror tactics and bludgeoning of witnesses which McCarthy gloried in, to disavow their constitutional rights of fair treatment and equality before the law and the right to express a dissenting opinion is unnecessarily extreme. It merely substitutes one danger for another.

—RICHARD VANSTEENHISTE

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TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-0)

DATE: 1/11/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 12/26/61, SA [REDACTED] at Waco, Texas, was contacted by [REDACTED] residence address [REDACTED] Waco, Texas, owner of [REDACTED] and who is also retired from the [REDACTED] having been employed at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he had received information through acquaintances and associates concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and desired to be informed as to "what kind of organization" it is. He stated that he is personally concerned with the state of world affairs and the apparent "do nothing" attitude of "our Government." He informed that he is of the opinion that "the liberals have organized" to the detriment of the United States, and he is of the opinion that it is time the "conservatives organized to protect our form of Government."

[REDACTED] was advised that the agent as an employee of the FBI could furnish no comment, opinion, or evaluation either officially or personally concerning the above named organization.

[REDACTED] has been known to SA [REDACTED] for a number of years through his work with the [REDACTED] and is now a successful businessman. Nothing unfavorable is known concerning [REDACTED] reputation, character, or loyalty, and it is believed that his motive in contacting SA [REDACTED] was as stated above. The above information is being set out for record purposes only.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455) (C) DATE: 5/7/62

FROM : SA JAMES C. KENNEDY

SUBJECT: BIRCH SOCIETY
[REDACTED]

On 4/23/62, [REDACTED] called at the Austin Resident Agency, advised that he was a [REDACTED] and produced his [REDACTED] card number [REDACTED] stated that he was [REDACTED] of the Committee for Central Texas for Edwin A. Walker for Governor. [REDACTED] stated that he previously had been head of the [REDACTED] from 1949 to 1953, and had then gone to work for the [REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas, where he had worked until February of 1962, when he had been layed off as the result of cutbacks in personnel at [REDACTED] He stated that during the time he was away from Austin, he maintained his home at [REDACTED] Austin, Texas.

[REDACTED] stated that while head of the [REDACTED] that he had done much reading on socialism and communism and that when former General WALKER announced for Governor of Texas that [REDACTED] wife attended the first meetings of the workers in Austin, Texas, and he, [REDACTED] attended the second meeting of the workers in Austin, Texas, in February of 1962. [REDACTED] stated that at the third meeting held in Austin, Texas, on 2/28/62, he had been [REDACTED] the position which he presently held. [REDACTED] stated that he knew General WALKER to be a member of the Birch Society and [REDACTED] was likewise a member of this society, and stated that on [REDACTED] that he immediately suggested that the headquarters of the Walker for Governor campaign in Austin, Texas, be moved from 109 East 10th Street, since this was adjacent to "LYNDON JOHNSON's spy headquarters, television station KTBC in Austin." [REDACTED] likewise stated the building at 109 East 10th Street was unsatisfactory because of its dirty condition, no parking

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facilities, and further because it was located immediately across the street from the Greyhound Bus Station and the ensuing noises of the arriving and departing buses. [redacted] likewise stated that in his opinion had the headquarters remained at 109 East 10th Street that possibly every room "would have been bugged from the spy headquarters."

[redacted] stated that prior to his [redacted] that [redacted] had been [redacted] but at the meeting on 2/28/62, [redacted] informed those in attendance that he could not devote the necessary time and asked to be relieved.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] who with [redacted] was also member of the Birch Society in Austin, Texas, had also opposed having the headquarters at 109 East 10th Street, and that they had, therefore, moved the headquarters to Third and Brazos Streets, in Austin, Texas, which presently housed the Austin, Texas, headquarters of General WALKER for Governor campaign headquarters.

[redacted] stated that a member of the Birch Society, [redacted] about whose background [redacted] knew very little had started [redacted] [redacted] stated that insofar as he could learn, [redacted]

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[REDACTED] stated that one FLOYD WILLIAMS, who was [REDACTED] appeared before the Texas House of Representatives Legislative Committee inquiring into the contents of the books for high school students in the State of Texas, and at this same meeting which he had attended Mrs. L. B. RANDERSON had made an outstanding speech discussing "religious and patriotic matters" to this legislative committee. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was so impressed by the speech which Mrs. RANDERSON had made before this committee that [REDACTED] had promised to give to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continued that prior to 2/28/62, when he had been [REDACTED] in Austin, Texas, that he had attended [REDACTED] at which General WALKER was present at the [REDACTED] and at this meeting General WALKER "had been very rough in throwing out members of the press." [REDACTED] stated that he subsequently mentioned this to [REDACTED] in Austin, Texas, and she had stated that she "felt General WALKER had been entirely correct."

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[redacted] also stated that his reason for calling at the Austin Resident Agency was his desire to furnish information that either "communists or comsips" were undermining the efforts of the patriotic Birch Society members in their efforts to get former General WALKER elected governor. [redacted] stated that he thought that this was being done by "psycho-politicians" and stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] further stated that lately he had "detected an attitude on the part of the Birch Society members who were working for the election of General WALKER that was not what he would consider completely patriotic."

[redacted] then furnished the following names of individuals whom he stated "he thought would bear watching."

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] likewise stated that he thought [redacted] was partly handling "questionable religious literature and was possibly tied up with [redacted]

[redacted] stated he was a member of the Birch Society but was getting away from being (strictly patriotic.)

[redacted] but associate of Birch Society member [redacted]

[redacted] who also supposedly associates with Birch Society member, [redacted]

[redacted] the campaign for General WALKER after the primary elections on June 5, 1962. [redacted] likewise stated that his only reason in calling at the Austin Resident Agency was his desire to furnish information "which might fit into the picture which was being collected and compiled by the FBI."

through hearsay only, Koeninger maintained, had he heard of five complaints—one of which he denies categorically:

(1) A speech in Houston in 1955, in which he urged one and all to abide by the Supreme Court's desegregation decision; (2) a poll tax campaign in Huntsville (Sam Houston college town) in which poll tax sales were available to Negroes; (3) signing of a petition opposing the incumbent judge in Huntsville; (4) publicly participating in exposing an exhibitor of the film, "Operation Abolition" as a member of the John Birch society.

The fifth charge — a charge which Koeninger insists he has no idea where it arose — was that he participated in a political "hassle" with an extension student at the Mexia State School in Mexia. "I have never so participated," Koeninger said. "I am a sociologist, not a politician."

REGENTS "POISONED"?

The totalitarian attitude of the board, in permitting no cross-examination and allowing no bill of particulars against Koeninger to be voiced, persuades him, Koeninger says, that the "John Birch poison" has penetrated to the level of the State Board of Regents.

He buttresses this view with the fact that Bill Kellogg, Huntsville, the "Operation Abolition" John Bircher, was present in the hearing room in the concluding minutes of his "trial-by-no-fire."

Koeninger pointed out that he welcomes an investigation by the FBI — since, he says, he has nothing whatever to hide. He has been teaching since 1929, in which time, he maintains, that he has never been accused or suspected of subversive activities or thoughts.

GROUPS SUPPORT HIM

He is a lifetime member of the Methodist Church, a graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club and the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce. He has

four children. His wife is the secretary of a bank president.

Pre-eminent among the organizations supporting Koeninger in his bid for a clean bill of health are the Texas Association of College Teachers, the Southwestern Sociological Society, and the American Association of University Professors, whose Dr. William J. Kilgore, professor of philosophy at Baylor University, attended the Austin hearing. Kilgore stated to the Board: "Our work has just begun," Koeninger interprets this to mean that the AAUP will "go to bat" for him in rather a large way, and he offers the opinion that Sam Houston State Teachers College will be the major sufferer in the ensuing fracas.

"It is tragic," Koeninger said, "that the United States must be divided as between 'Red' and 'Blue'. I am of the opinion that it would behoove all of us to be Red, WHITE, and Blue. The middle-of-the-road would seem to me to be this nation's salvation, against an ultimate, and bloody, snarl between the two extremes. I am an American; my neighbors are Americans. I believe we must join hands to defeat the extremists—those who wear hoods and grovel in either gutter—the Left or the Right. The State Board has donned its hood; it grovels on the Right. That is its choice. I regret this vague expression of no-confidence in me, but I offer only a record of unsullied citizenship and service in my defense. No man can offer more."

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Prof Blames Birch Poison

By LEWIS C. FAY

An eminent Texas educator Thursday told The Light exclusively that he is the victim of "John Birch poison," and that the stench of the John Birch Society has penetrated "to the highest levels of Texas education administration."

Dr. Rupert C. Koeninger, who was dismissed from his post as director of the department of sociology at Sam Houston State Teachers College, Tuesday by the Board of Regents of Texas State Teachers Colleges, attributed to the regents "most of the attitudes and many of the practices of the Welch-Walker dominated John Birch group."

"This was a hearing?" Koeninger asked, of his appearance before the board in Austin Tuesday. "Throughout my so-called hearing, no questions were asked of me, save by my own lawyer. No questions were answered by the board, and-or its chairman, Mr. C. F. Ramsey."

NO REASON

Koeninger pointed out that only through hearsay has he heard so much as a word of the "bill of particulars" against him. He was dismissed by the board, as the Associated Press reported, with no statement whatever of the reason for his dismissal.

The Associated Press reported: "The board refused to tell Koeninger why he had been fired."



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Soton Asks Regents to Explain Reason for Firing of Professor

AUSTIN — (AP) — State Rep. Charles N. Wilson of Trinity asked the board of regents of Texas State Teachers Colleges Thursday to tell the public why it fired Dr. R. C. Koeninger.

Koeninger, head of the department of sociology at Sam Houston State Teachers College for 14 years, contended he lost his post because of his political views.

The professor appeared before the board May 22 to ask that he be reinstated. The board refused to tell Koeninger or his lawyer why he had been fired. Also, no reason was given when the action was affirmed later.

Wilson told C. Smith Ramsey, board chairman, in a letter:

"There seem to be many individuals who believe Dr. Koeninger was separated because he exercised his right of personal political action in a manner

which was distasteful to you and the board."

Wilson told Ramsey, former Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey's brother, that making the reason for the firing known "would restore the prestige of the board . . . in the eyes of many citizens and would disprove the accusation that your body is now prescribing adherence to your own political philosophy as a prerequisite for a professor to hold a job."

Ramsey said in San Augustine that he had not yet received Wilson's letter. However, after being told by a reporter what the letter said, Ramsey said, "I have no comment on the Koeninger matter at all."

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Solon Asks Why Prof Was Fired

AUSTIN (AP) — The Board of Regents of Texas State Teachers Colleges should tell the public why it fired Dr. R. C. Koeninger, a state legislator, has demanded.

Rep. Charles N. Wilson of Trinity made the request in a letter to C. Smith Ramsey, board chairman.

Koeninger was dropped from the faculty of Sam Houston State Teachers College this year after 14 years as head of the sociology department. He contended he lost his post because of his political views.

"There seem to be many individuals who believe Dr. Koeninger was separated because he exercised his right of personal political action in a manner which was distasteful to you and the board," Wilson's letter said.

He told Ramsey, brother of former Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey, that making known the reason for the firing "would restore the prestige of the board . . . in the eyes of many citizens and would disprove the accusation that your body is now prescribing adherence to your own political philosophy as a prerequisite for a professor to hold a job."

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TO SAC

DATE: 8-14-62

FROM Cplnt Clk [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Inquiry

On 8-14-62 [REDACTED] San Antonio, Texas, TA 2-5853, telephoned this office and inquired if the above Society was a Communist organization.

Writer advised [REDACTED] that the FBI did not furnish information as to whether an organization was or was not a communist organization. On the instructions of SA [REDACTED] writer advised [REDACTED] that if he desired further information he should contact the Subversive Control Section, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Wash. D.C.

[REDACTED] then inquired if there were folders available at this office setting forth the requirements for the position of Special Agent. He was advised affirmatively. He indicated his interest regarding such literature, but did not state that he intended to come to the office to obtain it.

No action recommended.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-0)

DATE: 10/15/62

FROM : SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON

SUBJECT:

ALLEGED MEMBER JOHN BIRCH
SOCIETY
AUSTIN, TEXAS.
RACIAL MATTERS

100-9455-642 attach this series.

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On October 8, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] contacted SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON, and advised that subject resides at [redacted] in [redacted]

[redacted] alleged that [redacted] is a leader in the John Birch Society in Austin and generally regarded as having no respect for our present administration as well as laws in general.

[redacted] stated that during the weekend of October 6, 1962, [redacted]

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[redacted] said in talking to [redacted]

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[redacted] said that he believes that there have been meetings of the John Birch Society at Dr.

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[redacted] however, he cannot testify to this fact, and believes the people who visited at the [redacted] were members of the John Birch Society. He stated that [redacted] does not teach [redacted] to respect the laws of the United States, and more or less leads them to believe that Government is bad. He stated that [redacted] allows his [redacted] to drive [redacted] automobiles up and down the street without a driver's license.

[redacted] described [redacted] as age 45; 5' 11" to 6'; weight 185; [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] He stated that [redacted] is neighborly and friendly and that he has observed nothing to indicate that [redacted] is interested in the present situation in Mississippi.

[redacted] stated that he is well aware of the fact that nothing can be done about [redacted] opinions and views at the present time; however, he did want to furnish the above as a matter of information to the FBI.

No action warranted on the above matter.

Note: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

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Facts of complaint

[Redacted] described herself as [Redacted] for the Caller-Times of Corpus Christi. She said that she had hear-say reports of Anti-Semitic literature being put out in the Rio Grande Valley. She stated that some lecturer, who had been in a Russian concentration camp had been introduced into one of the Valley schools; and she said she understood that this lecturer had been brought into the Valley by a John Birch or other "study group".

[Redacted] was thanked for her call and was courteously advised that the FBI can furnish no information to the public. She was asked, if she found in her general newspaper inquiries, anything which she felt should be known to the Government, she would call the FBI and make it available. She said she would.

[Redacted] gave the impression that she did not know what she was talking about; and was on a fishing expedition.

Action Recommended

For info only

Thomas W. Crawford.

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*1/2 Told we have not investigated
the John Birch Society. Then
on 1-23-61 I furnished him info re
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be "for the greatest good of the greatest number." (Or in their power-seeking plans pretended so to believe.) We want a restoration of a "government of laws, and not of men" in this country; and if a few impeachments are necessary to bring that about, then we are all for the impeachments.

IX

We believe that in a general way history repeats itself. For any combination of causes, similar to an earlier combination of causes, will lead as a rule to a combination of results somewhat similar to the one produced before. And history is simply a series of causes which produced results, and so on around cycles as clearly discernible as any of the dozens that take place elsewhere in the physical and biological sciences. But we believe that the most important history consists not of the repetitions but of the changes in these recurring links in the series. For the changes mark the extent to which man

has either been able to improve himself and his environment, or has allowed both to deteriorate, since the last time around. We think that this true history is largely determined by ambitious individuals (both good and evil) and by small minorities who really know what they want. And in the John Birch Society our sense of gratitude and responsibility (to God and to the noble men of the past), for what we have inherited makes us determined to exert our influence, labor, and sacrifice for changes which we think will constitute improvement.

X

In summary, we are striving, by all honorable means at our disposal and to the limits of our energies and abilities, to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Because the Communists seek, always and everywhere, to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a completely amoral world, we would have to oppose them at every turn, even on the philosophical level. Because

they are seeking through a gigantically organized conspiracy to destroy all opposition, we must fight them even more aggressively on the plane of action. But our struggle with the Communists, while the most urgent and important task before us today, is basically only incidental to our more important long-range and constructive purposes. For that very reason we are likely to be more effective against the Communists than if we were merely an ad hoc group seeking to expose and destroy so huge and powerful a gang of criminals. In organization, dedication, and purpose we offer a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have not faced in any other country. We have tried to raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. We welcome all honorable allies in this present unceasing war. And we hope that once they and we and millions like us have won a decisive victory at last, many of these same allies will join us in our long look toward the future.

John Birch Society Investigated

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the Efficiency Research Bureau, a private investigating firm, has completed a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Findings of the Bureau are reported in the March 1962, issue of the Santa Ana Register, a newspaper published in Orange County. I believe the findings will be of interest to my colleagues. Under unanimous consent I place the report which appeared in the Register in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The report follows:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INVESTIGATED

A private investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, conducted a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Efficiency Research Bureau was hired by the president of a local manufacturing firm to make an impartial study.

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A five-man team of investigators, including a Negro clergyman, sat in on numerous Birch meetings and accumulated a wealth of data on the organization and its operation. The following are the 14 conclusions to which the investigating team came, based upon their extensive research:

1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.
2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.
3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.
4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.
5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.
6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 59 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.
7. All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.

8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised entirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

9. Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

10. Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

11. Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and he has two coordinators directly under him.

12. Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

13. The society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

14. Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

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Beliefs and Principles of the John Birch Society

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues have questioned me concerning the beliefs and principles of the John Birch Society. For their benefit, under unanimous consent I insert those beliefs and principles in the Appendix of the RECORD.

GENERAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I

With very few exceptions the members of the John Birch Society are deeply religious people. A member's particular faith is entirely his own affair. Our hope is to make better Catholics, better Protestants, better Jews—or better Moslems—out of those who belong to the society. Our never-ending concern is with morality, integrity, and purpose. Regardless of the differences between us in creed and dogma, we all believe that man is endowed by a Divine Creator with an innate desire and conscious purpose to improve both his world and himself. We believe that the direction which constitutes improvement is clearly visible and identifiable throughout man's known history, and that this God-given upward reach in the heart of man is a composite conscience to which we all must listen.

II

We believe that the Communists seek to drive their slaves and themselves along exactly the opposite and downward direction, to the Satanic debasement of both man and his universe. We believe that communism is as utterly incompatible with all religion as it is contemptuous of all morality and destructive of all freedom. It is intrinsically evil. It must be opposed, therefore, with equal firmness, on religious grounds, moral grounds, and political grounds. We believe that the continued coexistence of communism and a Christian-style civilization on one planet is impossible. The struggle between them must end with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed. We intend to do our part, therefore, to halt, weaken, rout, and eventually to bury, the whole international Communist conspiracy.

III

We believe that means are as important as ends in any civilized society. Of all the falsehoods that have been so widely and deliberately circulated about us, none is so viciously untrue as the charge that we are willing to condone foul means for the sake

of achieving praiseworthy ends. We think that communism as a way of life, for instance, is completely wrong; but our ultimate quarrel with the Communists is that they insist on imposing that way of life on the rest of us by murder, treason, and cruelty rather than by persuasion. Even if our own use of force ever becomes necessary and morally acceptable because it is in self-defense, we must never lose sight of the legal, traditional, and humanitarian considerations of a compassionate civilization. The Communists recognize no such compulsions, but this very ingredient of amoral brutishness will help to destroy them in the end.

IV

We believe in patriotism. Most of us will gladly concede that a parliament of nations, designed for the purpose of increasing the freedom and ease with which individuals, ideals, and goods might cross national boundaries, would be desirable. And we hope that in some future decade we may help to bring about such a step of progress in man's pursuit of peace, prosperity, and happiness. But we feel that the present United Nations was designed by its founders for the exactly opposite purpose of increasing the rigidity of Government controls over the lives and affairs of individual men. We believe it has become, as it was intended to become, a major instrumentality for the establishment of a one-world Communist tyranny over the population of the whole earth. One of our most immediate objectives, therefore, is to get the United States out of the United Nations, and the United Nations out of the United States. We seek thus to save our own country from the gradual and piecemeal surrender of its sovereignty to this Communist-controlled supergovernment, and to stop giving our support to the steady enslavement of other people through the machinations of this Communist agency.

V

We believe that a constitutional Republic, such as our Founding Fathers gave us, is probably the best of all forms of government. We believe that a democracy, which they tried hard to obviate, and into which the liberals have been trying for 50 years to convert our Republic, is one of the worst of all forms of government. We call attention to the fact that up to 1928 the U.S. Army Training Manual still gave our men in uniform the following quite accurate definition, which would have been thoroughly approved by the Constitutional Convention that established our Republic: "Democracy: A Government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any form of direct expression results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude towards law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse,

without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy." It is because all history proves this to be true that we repeat so emphatically: 'This is a Republic, not a democracy; let's keep it that way.'

VI

We are opposed to collectivism as a political and economic system, even when it does not have the police-state features of communism. We are opposed to it no matter whether the collectivism be called socialism or the welfare state or the New Deal or the Fair Deal or the New Frontier, or advanced under some other semantic disguise. And we are opposed to it no matter what may be the framework or form of government under which collectivism is imposed. We believe that increasing the size of government, increasing the centralization of government, and increasing the functions of government all act as brakes on material progress and as destroyers of personal freedom.

VII

We believe that even where the size and functions of government are properly limited, as much of the power and duties of government as possible should be retained in the hands of as small governmental units as possible, as close to the people served by such units as possible. For the tendencies of any governing body to waste, expansion, and despotism all increase with the distance of that body from the people governed; the more closely any governing body can be kept under observation by those who pay its bills and provide its delegated authority, the more honestly responsible it will be. And the diffusion of governmental power and functions is one of the greatest safeguards against tyranny man has yet devised. For this reason it is extremely important in our case to keep our township, city, County and State governments from being bribed and coerced into coming under one direct chain of control from Washington.

VIII

We believe that for any people eternal vigilance is the price of liberty far more as against the insidious encroachment of internal tyranny than against the danger of subjugation from the outside or from the prospect of any sharp and decisive revolution. In a republic we must constantly seek to elect and to keep in power a government we can trust, manned by people we can trust, maintaining a currency we can trust, and working for purposes we can trust (none of which we have today). We think it is even more important for the government to obey the laws than for the people to do so. But for 30 years we have had a steady stream of governments which increasingly have regarded our laws and even our Constitution as mere pieces of paper, which should not be allowed to stand in the way of what they, in their omniscient benevolence, considered to



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How Soon Will-It Happen To You?

The Federal Government doesn't like you. It especially doesn't like your earnest and patriotic anti-Communism.

So this Federal Government brings criminal charges against you. These charges are so devoid of factual basis that the Government cannot get a grand jury "true bill," does not bring the charges to trial, and apparently never intended to do so.

But while these charges are pending, and with you insisting on the trial to which you are entitled, the Government has you incarcerated in a hospital prison, for an indefinite term, on the excuse that you must submit to a pre-trial psychiatric examination. This is done simply by an order from the Federal Director of Prisons, to a Federal Marshal, without a shadow of legality.

The only legal pretense the Government even claims to have for this action is a statement, issued the morning after you have been imprisoned, by a Government psychiatrist, who has never seen you; but who himself emphasizes that he is basing his diagnosis largely on what he has read about you in the newspapers.

On the strength of this telegraphed statement a Federal judge, who also has never seen you, issues an order to have you whisked away to this mental-hospital prison—the day after it has already been done! And it costs you and your friends tremendous effort and a lot of money before you are able to get out of that prison even on fifty thousand dollars bail.

It can't happen here? This is precisely and in exact detail what did happen to General Walker. And if you don't believe it can happen to you, just let the Federal Government keep right on rehearsing and strengthening the various methods of its incipient police-state tyranny. You will not have long to wait.

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Enough of pouring American foreign-aid money
into the hands of out-and-out Communists?

Enough of having the Supreme Court destroy
the safeguards of our Constitutional Republic?

Enough of the surrender of American sover-
eignty and independence to the Communist-con-
trolled United Nations?

Enough of the plans now officially advocated
by our State Department to abolish our armed
forces altogether, and turn over the protection and
security of the United States to the international
"peace force" of the United Nations? (See State
Department Document No. 7277)

Enough of a whole foreign policy run by such
men as Adlai Stevenson and Dean Rusk?

Enough of Senator Fulbright's program to
"muzzle" our patriotic officers and demoralize our
armed services?

Enough of negotiations with the Kremlin
over how much more we are going to

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and defeatism everywhere with regard to
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Still, if you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.

- Winston Churchill

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On October 20, 1963, a meeting of the Young Democrats of Bexar County was held at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The purpose of this meeting was to hear a man named BOB MOORE speak concerning the John Birch Society and also to listen to another speaker give opposing views. There were about seven members of the Young Democrat group present and about 70 other individuals who appeared to be favorable to MOORE's side of the argument.

MOORE said that he was President of the John Birch Society in San Antonio and that he was a retired sergeant from some military branch of the service. His topic was "Is the John Birch Society a Threat or a Help to America," and he talked against communism.

MOORE made the statement that General HESTER, connected with the Defense Department, was a communist. He also said that PIERRE SALINGER's parents were card-carrying Communist Party members. Throughout his talk he called U. S. Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY by the name of BOOBY KENNEDY and said that the Attorney General was pro-communist and would never bring a communist to trial. MOORE also stated that the Communist Party drafted, supported, and got Senator JAVITTS from New York elected. During his talk MOORE implied that if a person is not for everything the John Birch Society stands for, he is a communist.

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TRENT CHEYNEY, a member of the Young Democrat group, was the speaker for the other side of the question. He talked on his ideas of the misconception of the John Birch Society theories, pointing out that group does not believe in a democratic form of government. During MOORE's talk he mentioned there were thousands of communists in the United States. To refute MOORE, CHEYNEY referred to FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER's book entitled Masters of Deceit regarding the number of communists in the United States which stated there were many less than the amount MOORE had contended. CHEYNEY said he had great respect for Director HOOVER and believed he knew more about this matter than MOORE did.

Later during the discussion a spectator referred to CHEYNEY as a communist and CHEYNEY emphatically denied that he was one.

During the discussion MOORE said that the Attorney General should seek out all 10,000 communists in the United States and shoot them without trial because they stand for something repugnant to him as a member of the John Birch Society.

U. S. Representative from Texas, HENRY B. GONZALES, was present briefly at the first part of this meeting but left before MOORE got into his talk very far.

Optional Form No. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

Date: 11/7/63

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-7631)
FROM: SA [REDACTED]
RE: CP, USA
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On [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met at the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in San Antonio, Texas, and, for security purposes, left in [REDACTED] automobile for the [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]. Through pre-arranged plans, they met [REDACTED] there and since the [REDACTED] was closed, the three proceeded to a [REDACTED] located about one block south of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] believed to be called [REDACTED] A Communist Party club meeting was held there with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] members of this club, all present.

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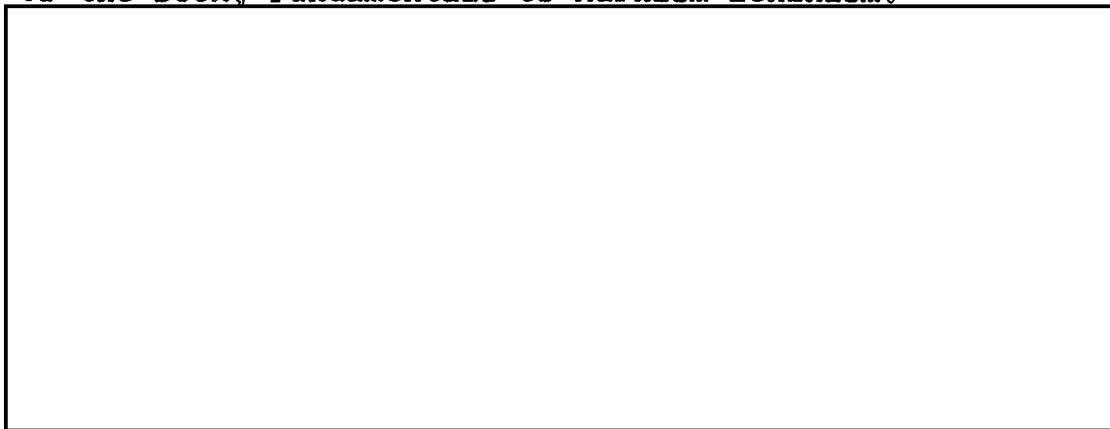
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The agenda was as follows:

1. Education. [] was supposed to lead this educational on the last part of Chapter 10 of the book, Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism.



2. Personal reports. [] reported on the recent meeting of [] at which an individual named [] spoke in favor of the John Birch Society. His report was quite detailed.

The group decided to move the meeting to the [] had met earlier in the evening and proceeded to that place where the meeting continued.




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3. Finances. No money was exchanged. Therefore, the balance on hand in the club treasury remains at 

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It was decided the next meeting would be held on 

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Above concludes Informant's report.

RECOMMENDATION: Because of the information above concerning the sympathy of  it is recommended that a case be opened on each of them at this time for complete investigation concerning their sympathies and beliefs about communism and concerning their activities.

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San Antonio, Texas

December 20, 1968

BOB MORAN

The following information concerning captioned individual is being submitted:

On October 21, 1968, SA T-1 advised that BOB MORAN had on October 20, 1968, attended a meeting of the Young Democrats of Bexar County at the Guster Hotel in San Antonio, Texas.

MORAN, during a speech on the John Birch Society, stated that he was the president of the society in San Antonio and that he was a retired Sergeant from some military branch of service. He further stated General HICKAM, connected with the Defense Department, was a Communist. He also said that PIERRE SALINGER's parents were card carrying Communist Party members. Throughout his talk he called U.S. Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY by the name of "Booby Kennedy" and said that the Attorney General was pro-Communist and would never bring a Communist to trial. MORAN also stated that the Communist Party drafted, supported and got Senator JAVIERE from New York elected. During his talk MORAN implied that if a person is not for everything the John Birch Society stands for, he is a Communist.

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San Antonio, Texas

December 22, 1959

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Reference *San Antonio Memorandum dated and captioned as above*

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

12/20/63

Airtel

Air Mail

TO: DIRECTOR: WBS
ATTN: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-2919)

RE TRAVEL OF THE MEMBER IN THE
UNITED STATES AND THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

Re Bureau teletype to all SACS dated 12/19/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of
letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

For the information of the Bureau [redacted]
is mentioned in the case entitled JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY:
INFORMATION CONCERNING: (Internal Security) as the
President of the John Birch Society in San Antonio,
[redacted]

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One copy of letterhead memorandum being disseminated
to Secret Service, San Antonio.

Identity of source

Location

SA T-1 is [redacted]

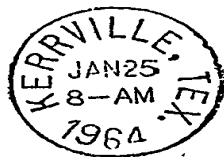
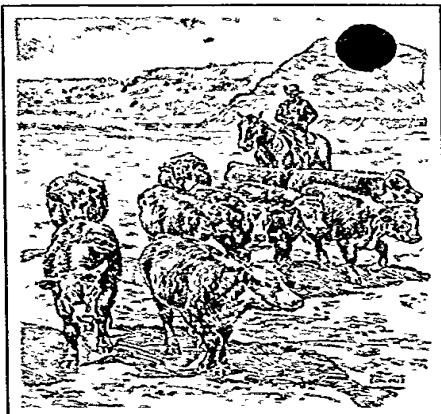
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Enclosed letterhead memorandum is being classified
confidential since it contains data from confidential
informant of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure
of which could compromise their effectiveness.

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3-San Antonio
(1-62-2919)
(1-65-1020)
(1-100-9455)
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Federal Bureau Investigation
San Antonio Texas
Federal Bldg

Jan 23-1964



Please investigate this
place. American Legion Hut
is misleading to many
citizens they think it is
sponsored by American Legion
some terrible things have
been said there to divide
our people this all come
from [redacted]
a patriotic American

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CHICAGO SPRING, ILLINOIS

The John Birch Society

Cordially Invites The
General Public

To Hear Our Story and Judge For Your

PLACE: American Legion Hut, San Antonio Highway, Opposite Entrance to V. A. Hospital, Kerrville, Texas.

DATE: January 17, 1964

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ARE YOU WILLING TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT COMMUNISM

It has been pointed out by the Hon. Martin Dies, since the assassination of President Kennedy, that "Lee Harvey Oswald was a Communist," and that when a Communist commits murder he is acting under orders.

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover said in a speech on October 18, 1960: "We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be." He emphatically repeated this statement on December 3, 1963—ten days after the assassination.

The John Birch Society is an educational army, and our only weapon is the truth. George Washington stated our problem well: "Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light."

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

stands for:

- LESS GOVERNMENT
- MORE RESPONSIBILITY
- A BETTER WORLD

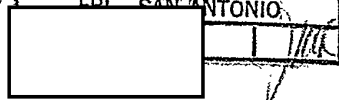
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 1/27/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

100-9455

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
KERRVILLE, TEXAS.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 1/27/64 [REDACTED] Kerrville, Texas, advised that approximately one to two weeks ago, a group of persons, approximately 75, met at the American Legion Hut, San Antonio Highway, Kerrville, to see three films on the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and to listen to a lecture by its organizer, FNU WELCH. He stated that he attended this meeting and from the lecture and questions discussed from the floor, it appears to him that such a group will probably be organized in Kerrville.

He said the speaker (probably WELCH) stated that a group now exists at Fredericksburg, Texas, and if it is decided to organize a group in Kerrville, that the leader of the Fredericksburg group will contact those interested and assist in the organization of the Kerrville group. [REDACTED] said he did not know the name of the leader at Fredericksburg.

He said he did not know the name of the party that initiated or headed the group that met at the American Legion Hut, but believed it was a woman who works at the Piggly Wiggly Store in Kerrville - possibly a checker or cashier. He said he also felt that probably [REDACTED] Attorney, Kerrville, Texas (residence [REDACTED] - office, [REDACTED]) would be behind the meeting, since he is well-known as a "fighter against Communism". He said however that [REDACTED] was not present at the meeting, [REDACTED]

He said he probably would be notified if such a group is organized in Kerrville.

(Reference is made to SA 105-2356, "MINUTEMEN" on other information furnished by [REDACTED] who is considered stable and reliable)

No further information obtained from [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

March 30, 1964

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

"The Austin Statesman", Austin, Texas,
March 27, 1964, contained the following article:

"BIRCH CHARTER GIVEN;
TO OPEN OFFICE HERE

"The John Birch Society Friday held
a Texas charter as a non-profit corporation,
and will open state headquarters in Austin.

"Secretary of State Crawford Martin
announced approval of the charter on
application of Charles O. Mann of Odessa,
who filed the statutory trust deposit of
\$50 as registered agent of the new
corporation.

"The corporate purpose was stated
'to promote civil interest in national
and international affairs by an educational
program.'

"National headquarters of the
John Birch Society are located in Belmont,
Mass., home of its president and founder,
the candy manufacturer Robert Welch.

"Membership activities of the society
among Texans so far apparently have been

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

carried on by representatives of the national headquarters. There was no indication in the filing of the charter papers of the extent of recruitment plans the Texas unit of the national body may undertake."

The following appeared in the "Austin American Statesman", Austin, Texas, on March 28, 1964:

"BIRCH SOCIETY IS CHARTERED

"For what it's worth, the report comes in that the John Birch Society is now an officially chartered Texas non-profit educational corporation.

"A charter was granted by the state. The new corporation will set up shop in Houston to carry on its declared purpose of 'promoting civil interest in national and international affairs by an educational program.'"

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Date: 3/30/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455) (2)
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning the above captioned which appeared in Austin, Texas, newspaper on March 27, 1964, and March 28, 1964. Two copies each of the letterhead memorandum are being disseminated to the Secret Service, San Antonio, one to OSI, one ONI, 1 112th INTC and two copies for each of the Texas offices.

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Special Agent in Charge

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*If no other action
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closed*

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Birch Charter Given; To Open Office Here

The John Birch Society Friday held a Texas charter as a non-profit corporation, and will open state headquarters in Austin.

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The corporate purpose was stated "to promote civil interest in national and international

affairs by an educational program."

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Membership activities of the society among Texans so far apparently have been carried on by representatives of the national headquarters. There was no indication in the filing of the charter papers of the extent of recruitment plans the Texas unit of the national body may undertake.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Austin American
Statesman

Austin, Texas
page 11

Date: March 27, 1964
Edition: Evening
Author:
Editor:
Title: Birch Society

Character:

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Classification:

Submitting Office: San Antonio

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For what it's worth, the report comes in that the John Birch Society is now an officially chartered Texas non-profit educational corporation.

A charter was granted by the state. The new corporation will set up shop in Houston to carry on its declared purpose of "promoting civil interest in national and international affairs by an educational program."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Austin American
Statesman
Austin, Texas
Page 4

Date: March 28, 1964
Edition: Morning
Author:
Editor:
Title: Birch Society

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Submitting Office: San Antonio

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, San Antonio (100-9455)

DATE: 4-7-64

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (62-104401)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurairtel and letterhead memorandum both dated 3-30-64.

It is noted in referenced airtel that captioned case is carried in a pending status. The John Birch Society is not under investigation by this Bureau. You should advise by return letter the basis for carrying this case in a pending status. If you have no valid reason, case should be closed.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet dated 4/7/64, which referred
to San Antonio airtel dated 3/30/64, captioned
as above, which was shown to have a pending
status.

Referenced San Antonio communication
should have been marked closed instead of pending,
and has been closed in this office.

Bureau is requested to correct Bureau
copies of this airtel.

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1 - San Antonio
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

DATE: 5/3/64

FROM : Clerk, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB: Book Edited by Welch, John Birch Society
[REDACTED] - Complainant.

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At 8:25 am, this date, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] San Antonio telephonically advised that she had recently met an unknown woman on a train from St. Louis to San Antonio. Unsub. showed a book to complainant which contained newspaper clippings of Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, which according to Unsub would establish that Eisenhower and Kennedy were communists. Book was possibly entitled "America", had number "2" printed on it, black plastic cover, bound by plastic rings, and was about 1½ inches thick. The book was written by a (FNU) Welch of the John Birch Society.

Unsub. and a young man whom she identified as her husband came to see [REDACTED] about a week after arriving in San Antonio. Unsub stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Unsub stated she would contact [REDACTED] in the near future again [REDACTED] complainant will obtain name and address of Unsub. and report same to FBI office.

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Unsub. was described only as 60 yrs. or older, white hair, and heavy set.

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*Sub cc to [REDACTED]
per [REDACTED]*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

DATE: 7-15-64

FROM : SC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: "THE POLITICIAN"

62-00-235
100-00-1228

[REDACTED] San Antonio, Texas,
[REDACTED] telephonically advised that on about May 3, 1964, an agent of this office, who did not give his name when he contacted her by telephone, asked her if she remembered the name of the woman implicated in some way with the complaint that [REDACTED] had contacted this office previously about. [REDACTED] stated that she now has the name of this woman if we now need it.

XXXXXX Indices check on caller, son, and the XXXXX book, "THE POLITICIAN," failed to relate any reference.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Antonio, Texas
May 28, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The files of the San Antonio FBI office failed to contain any information reflecting that the following groups were active in the area covered by this Division during the period January 1, 1961, to January 1, 1964:

Fair Play for Cuba Committee
Junta Revolucionaria Cubana
Directorio Revolucionaria Estudiantil
30th of November Movement.

Regarding the group known as the Second National Front of Escambray (Operation Alpha 66), the following is set forth:

SA T-1 (April 23, 1963, and May 23, 1963)

SA T-1 advised that he is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
he does not know of any active membership in the San Antonio area nor any activities on their part in San Antonio. SA T-1 advised that he has not been requested to collect any funds and has sent no money to Miami or any other place for the benefit of the [REDACTED]

SA T-2 (April 30, 1963)

SA T-2 advised that he knew of no activity or solicitations being made for the SNFE in or about Brownsville, Texas. He said he knew of no individuals who might be currently involved in this group residing in this area.

6-Bureau (AM RM)
2-Dallas (AM RM)
3-San Antonio
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(12-105-2358)
(12-105-9455)
(12-97-90)

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

SA T-3 (May 8, 1963)

SA T-3 advised he does not know anything about the Alpha 66 other than what he has read about this organization in local newspapers.

SA T-3 advised that he does not know of any active participating members of this organization, stating he has not been contacted for any contributions or membership. SA T-3 advised he is well acquainted with SA T-1, but that SA T-1 has never approached him in any manner to interest him in the Alpha 66. He said they have talked together about these organizations but never did SA T-1 or anyone else seek his membership or contributions.

SA T-2 (May 21, 1963)

SA T-2 advised that he knew of no person or persons in the Rio Grande Valley area collecting or interested in collecting for any pro-CASTRO or anti-CASTRO causes. SA T-2 recalled that an individual previously unknown to him but presenting a business card showing identity as [redacted] working for the [redacted] [redacted] contacted SA T-2 sometime about December, 1962, asking SA T-2 if he could suggest the name of [redacted] [redacted]

SA T-2 advised that he asked [redacted] no questions and [redacted] volunteered nothing further. SA T-2 said that he believed [redacted] came to him because of his being well known as [redacted] and as having possible ties with [redacted] SA T-2 could furnish nothing further in detail of the above.

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GUS KRAUSE, Chief of Police, Brownsville Police Department, on May 21, 1963, said he knew of no fund raising or other activity in Brownsville on behalf of pro-CASTRO or anti-CASTRO factions at that time.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Confidential sources have advised that they know of no branch of the SNFE operation in or around San Antonio, Texas, and none of them has been approached to make any donations toward the SNFE. All advised that the only person who maintains contact with the [redacted] is SA T-1.

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Regarding [redacted] to date no further information has been developed reflecting [redacted] possible affiliation with the [redacted] group.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Antonio, Texas
May 28, 1964

Title LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character

Reference San Antonio Memorandum,
 dated and captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Date: 5/28/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-2909) (P)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas and other Texas offices dated 5/22/64, containing request from the President's Commission concerning certain groups or organizations.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM captioned and dated same as instant communication, which LHM sets forth required data regarding the various Cuban groups in question. Enclosed for the Dallas office are 2 copies of the LHM.

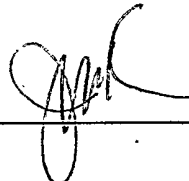
Further enclosed for the Bureau, per Bureau instructions, are one copy each of the following documents:

3-Bureau (Enc. 55) (AM RM)
2-Dallas (Enc. 2) (100-10461) (AM RM)
8-San Antonio
(2-105-2909)
(1-105-2356) ("Minutemen")
(1-100-9455) (J. BIRCH SOCIETY)
(1-97-80) (FPCC)
(1-105-2954) (JURE)
(1-105-2787) (SNFE)
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Special Agent in Charge

SA 105-2909

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
SA file 100-9455
BU file 62-104401

1. Complaint form, FD 71, of SA [] 2/28/63, captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.
2. Literature of John Birch Society.
3. Memorandum of SA [] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 11/4/63, captioned COMINFIL - YD, IS - C.
4. Memorandum of SA [] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 11/7/63, captioned CP, USA, SOUTHERN REGION, SAN ANTONIO DIVISION, ORGANIZATION, IS - C.
(NOTE: If information in this memorandum is disseminated the names of [] and [] should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.)
5. Letter dated 1/23/64 signed "A patratric American."
6. Newspaper advertisement concerning the John Birch Society.
7. Memorandum of SA [] to SAC (San Antonio) dated 1/27/64 captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, KERRVILLE, TEXAS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.
8. Newspaper article from 3/27/64 evening edition of the Austin American Statesman, an Austin, Texas, newspaper.
9. Newspaper article from the 3/28/64 morning edition of the Austin American Statesman, Austin, Texas.
10. Memorandum of Clerk [] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 5/3/64, captioned UNSUB; Book Edited by ROBERT WELCH, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; [] - Complainant.

For the information of the Bureau, the following communications concerning the John Birch Society have been sent to the Bureau:

1. San Antonio LHM dated 12/20/63 captioned []
2. San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 12/20/63 captioned TRAVEL OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMON-WEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

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3. San Antonio LHM dated 3/30/64 captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.
4. San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 3/30/64 captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY).

Re: "MINUTEMEN"
SA file 105-2356
BUFILE 62-107261

1. Memorandum of SA [] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 1/22/64.
2. Article from the 1/16/64 home edition of the San Antonio Light, a daily San Antonio newspaper.
3. Houston letter to San Antonio dated 1/29/64.
4. Memorandum of SA CHRIS ISBELL to SAC, San Antonio, dated 2/7/64.
5. Memorandum of SA [] to SAC (San Antonio) dated 2/10/64.
6. Memorandum of SA [] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 2/10/64.
7. San Antonio airtel to Houston dated 2/12/64.
8. Memorandum of SA [] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 1/31/64.
9. Memorandum of SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON to SAC, San Antonio, dated 2/11/64.
10. Memorandum of SA [] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 2/12/64.
11. San Antonio airtel to Dallas dated 4/1/64.
12. San Antonio airtel to Kansas City dated 4/30/64.

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13. Kansas City airtel to San Antonio dated 5/7/64.

All of the above-mentioned communications concerning the "Minutemen" are captioned "MINUTEMEN," INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY).

The following-listed communications have been sent to the Bureau and are all captioned "MINUTEMEN," INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY):

1. Report of SA [] dated 2/13/64 at San Antonio.
2. San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 3/5/64.
3. Report of SA [] dated 3/11/64 at San Antonio.
4. San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 5/26/64.

Re: FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
SA file 97-80
BUFILE 97-4196

1. San Antonio letter to New York dated 2/28/64.
2. San Antonio letter to New York dated 4/20/64.

Both of the above-mentioned communications are captioned THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS, INC., aka, RA - CUBA, IS - CUBA, IS - C, IS - SWP.

It is to be noted that the data reflected in the two above-mentioned FPCC communications was not incorporated in enclosed LHM because of the nature of the information. This information did not reflect activity of the FPCC in the San Antonio Division, and, in fact, investigation of the original allegations failed to corroborate them.

Re: JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA
(JURE)
SA file 105-2954

SA 105-2909

1. Atlanta letter to San Juan dated 1/30/64.
2. San Antonio airtel to San Juan dated 2/12/64.

It is to be noted that San Antonio files at one time had one copy of report of SA [REDACTED] at San Juan dated 11/26/63 but this was sent to the Louisville Division on 2/12/64.

The above-mentioned communications are all captioned JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA, IS - CUBA, IS - RA.

Re: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF
ESCAMBRAY (SNFE)
(OPERATION ALPHA 66)

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1. Memorandum of SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR., to SAC, San Antonio, dated 4/24/63.
2. Memorandum of SA [REDACTED] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 5/6/63.
3. Memorandum of SA BRUNO F. DREYER to SAC, San Antonio, dated 5/8/63 captioned [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], PSI.
4. Memorandum of SA [REDACTED] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 5/21/63 captioned R. B. WELCH, RA - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTER.
5. San Antonio letter to Miami dated 5/29/63.

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All of the above-mentioned communications are captioned SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (OPERATION ALPHA 66), IS - CUBA, unless otherwise stated.

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In view of the fact that an investigation was initiated concerning [REDACTED] due to an allegation that he may be affiliated with Alpha 66, copies of the following serials from the San Antonio file concerning [REDACTED] (San Antonio file 97-87) are being furnished herewith to the Bureau:

SA 105-2909

1. San Antonio letter to Houston dated 7/31/63.
2. Dallas letter to San Antonio dated 8/6/63.
3. Dallas letter to San Antonio dated 8/12/63.
4. Houston letter to San Antonio dated 9/19/63.
5. San Antonio airtel to Houston dated 9/30/63.
6. Houston letter to San Antonio dated 11/29/63.
7. San Antonio letter to Houston dated 11/30/63.
8. Memorandum of SA H. T. BURK to SAC, San Antonio, dated 12/13/63.
9. Houston letter to San Antonio dated 12/19/63.
10. San Antonio letter to Dallas dated 1/22/64.
11. Dallas letter to San Antonio dated 2/3/64.
12. San Antonio letter to Dallas dated 2/19/64.
13. Dallas letter to San Antonio dated 3/5/64.
14. St. Louis letter to San Antonio dated 3/17/64.
15. San Antonio letter to Dallas dated 4/30/64.

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[] It is to be noted that the San Antonio file on also contains an FD-9 dated 1/15/64 and the FBI Identification record dated 1/24/64. Copies of these are not being forwarded to the Bureau in instant communication.

Regarding the 30th of November Movement and the Directorio Revolucionaria Estudiantil, San Antonio files contain no information responsive to the Commission's request.

The confidential sources mentioned in attached LHM are as follows:

SA 105-2909

PSI [] contacted 5/10/63.

PSI [] contacted 5/10/63.

Former PSI [] contacted
5/23/63.

PSI [] contacted 4/25/63.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Where Located

SA T-1:

[]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

DATE: 9/16/64

FROM : Complaint Clerk

SUBJECT: ROBERT WELCH; Aka.,
REVIEW OF THE NEWS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 9/16/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] San Antonio, contacted the office stating he had received a news letter written by ROBERT WELCH, entitled REVIEW OF THE NEWS in the mail on 9/15/64, and the biggest topic discussed in the letter was the attempted shooting of General EDWIN WALKER and several other items of WALKER's review.

[REDACTED] made the inquiry if ROBERT WELCH was the director of the John Birch Society and whether we had any information on the news letter.

[REDACTED] was advised that the files of the FBI were confidential and that I couldn't answer his questions, but would be glad to furnish him with the address at the Justice Department to secure the Attorney General's List Of Subversive Organizations.

[REDACTED] stated that he wasn't interested in that only the answers to his questions as he hadn't had any trouble with any other Government Agency when he told them who he was and what he wanted.

[REDACTED] was advised that the above information would be submitted to the Special Agent for Appropriate Action.

He thanked me and terminated the call.

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Optional Form No. 10
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TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-7631)

DATE: 9/18/64

FROM:

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RE:

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On 9/2/64, [REDACTED] furnished SA [REDACTED] an report report which was subsequently transcribed and thereafter authenticated by the Informant on 9/4/64. This report is located in [REDACTED] and contains the following information:

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On [REDACTED] a Communist Party club meeting was held in San Antonio, Texas. This is the Communist Party club to which [REDACTED] belong. [REDACTED] of these men were present. The meeting began in [REDACTED] to conclude the meeting.

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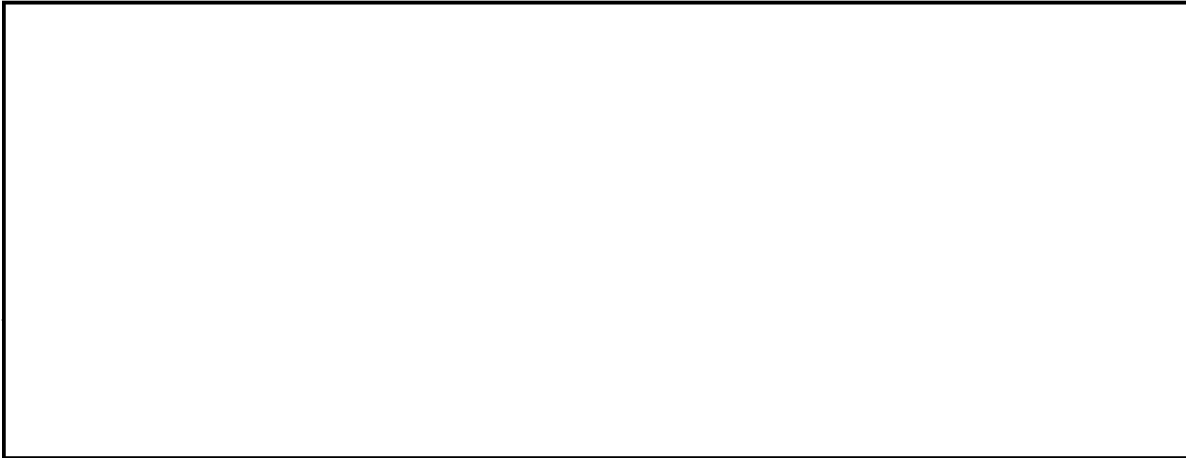
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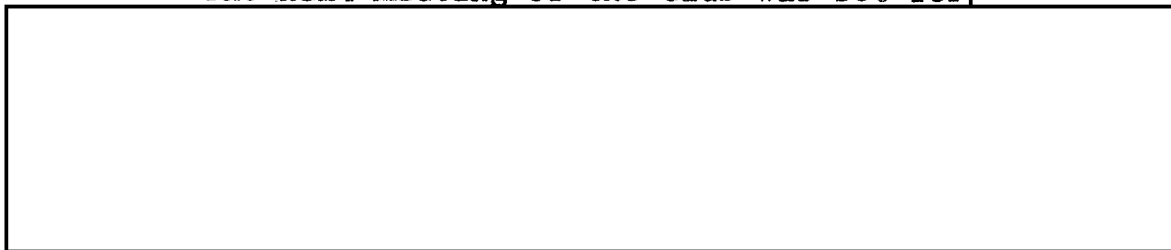
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The next meeting of the club was set for








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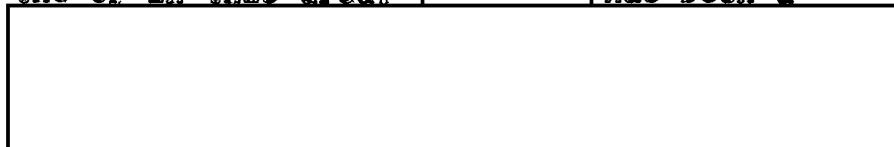
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The following information is set out regarding [redacted]
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According to the Guatemalan semiofficial newspaper, Novedades, FEATHERSTON was arrested in Guatemala City around the middle of July, 1959, in connection with a plot to assassinate President YDIGORAS during the latter's visit to Panama.

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On February 20, 1964, [] advised [] that he thought very highly of FIDEL CASTRO and his government, and [] was very critical of the U. S. Government's attitude toward the CASTRO government. [] stated on the same date that the U. S. is not a democracy, but a totalitarian state. On February 20, 1964, [] and [] advised that [] attended a meeting of the [] During the meeting he was high in his praise of FIDEL CASTRO and the CASTRO government, stating that the U. S. is crucifying CASTRO unnecessarily because CASTRO refuses to bow to the desire of the U. S. Government.

On March 11, 1964, [] learned that []

On April 24, 1964, [] advised [] that he received a communication from []

On May 11, 1964, [] advised []

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It is to be noted that [REDACTED] is a State Representative to the Texas Legislature in Austin, Texas, from San Antonio, Texas.

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San Antonio cannot properly characterize other individuals or organizations mentioned in this report.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 100-9455

DATE: 9-29-64

FROM : SA John J. Creeden, Jr.

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

A new newspaper has made its appearance in San Antonio title THE TEXAS DEFIANCE, a weekly publication. It is published in San Antonio and on 8-28-64 Vol 1 #7 was issued. It is described as "An Anti Communist, Pro American Weekly". Owner-Editor is Robert C. Moore and has address PO Box 23308, Area Code: 512 Tel 534 6041 (Le 4-6041), San Antonio, Texas. Subscription is \$7.00 per year.

The paper carries items by the following:

Harry Browne, Editor Freedom Magazine

Tom Anderson who writes a column called Straight Talk

Rosalie V. Gordon, editor of America's Future

Hurst B Amyx who runs radio program "Know your Enemy" of Tucson, Arizona.

A copy of the newspaper is being placed in the Exhibit Envelope of this file

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Birch Debate Draws Cheers, Jeers

By FLOYD LARRABEE

A hard-hitting debate between one advocate and two opponents of the controversial John Birch Society drew a prediction Wednesday night from the advocate that the United States faces a military dictatorship if it continues in the present direction.

The debate drew applause, cheers and jeers from an overflowing crowd of more than 800 in the grand ballroom of the Gunter Hotel. It pitted the John Birch Society advocate, Robert C. Moore, owner-editor of the weekly Texas Defiance, against attorney Pat Maloney and Dr. Bill Crane, government professor at St. Mary's University.

The debate was sponsored by Lulac Council No. 2.

Both Maloney and Crane, citing published works of the Society's founder, Robert Welch, ticked off charges that the Birch Society is a hard core group which takes orders only from Welch and hopes to take over the government. They said it plants fear and brands those opposed to them as Socialists or Communists.

Why It Exists

Moore answered that the Birch Society exists only because of the Communists and the radical left. He said Soviet Russia has captured 24 countries since World War II "without firing a shot," while the Birch Society has taken over none.

Crane, opening the attack on the Birch Society before an audience composed in large part of students, quoted extensively from Welch's "Blue Book" to show that the Society intends, through a "small group of dedicated people," to take over this country.

"Some people," Crane said, "speak of the John Birch Society as reactionary. The word reactionary means going back to something we once had. The Birch Society wants to go in the future to something we never had."

Birch Aims

The professor said the Birch Society wants to abolish the United Nations, NATO, the International Labor Organization, the International Trade Organization, and domestic agencies and programs such as U.S. government bonds, urban renewal, the National Labor Relations Board, and abolish the federal income tax.

"I agree that abolishing of these would result in less government. But a better world?" he asked, to laughter and applause from the crowd.

Concerning Birch opposition to the income tax, Crane said:

"This convenient gimmick is helped by the fact that Karl Marx advocated an income tax. So, the John Birch Society says he against anything that Marx favored. Marx also favored three meals a day and opposed sin."

Crane said the Birch Society feels that the people are "gullible and they need a self-appointed man on a white horse—Mr. Welch."

Reds in U.S.

Maloney accused the Birch Society of a "strange intellectual short-sightedness." He said that while FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover reports there are 5,000 Communist party members in this country, the Birch Society contends there are 300,000 to 500,000.

"All the John Birch Society has done is to unleash Dwight D. Eisenhower as a Communist and a traitor," Maloney said.

Maloney cited writings by Welch that Eisenhower's brother, Milton, was the former president's "superior in the Communist party." He said Welch also had called former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, agents of the Communist conspiracy.

The attorney said the Birch Society teaches "a gospel of hate, and a gospel of deceit. It is one of sedition. It teaches revolt against the government."

"Real Danger"

"The John Birch Society wants to turn citizen against citizen. The real danger is the total impact on American life," Maloney said.

Moore, opening his remarks, told the audience:

"I doubt if you have the opportunity very often to look upon a nut . . . a hatemonger. I'm not here to defend the John Birch Society. I don't think it needs defending any more than any other legitimate organization within the framework of our society."

Moore said he is not at present a member of the Birch Society, but was until about two years ago. He said he was a chapter leader, elected by the membership and challenged opponents' contentions that the society is a "monolithic" organization whose local leaders are named by the national headquarters.

He said the society "probably exists as the result of a cause . . . of actions and reaction. I believe if there were no Communist party or radical left, there would be no reason for the John Birch Society."

"Greatest Boost"

Moore said that outside of the original Communist Manifesto, "we feel the greatest boost given was that in 1933 President Roosevelt recognized them . . . until then they (Communists) were regarded as nuts."

He said 24 countries have been taken over by the Communists "with the aid and assistance of people in the United States, and principally through the U.S. State Department." He said we have made mistakes and "the mistakes always favor the Communists."

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Moore said there are 317 "known" security risks in the State Department. He called Secretary of State Dean Rusk a "security risk," and said United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson is "listed in every intelligence file in the United States as a security risk."

"The liberal cult has invaded American life and culture to an extent that is alarming," Moore said.

"You'll Laugh"

"Now, you'll laugh at this," Moore said. "Goldwater Republicans and members of the John Birch Society are true liberals. If you don't believe this, get out a dictionary that is at least 15 years old." He quoted a definition that shows a liberal is one who wants the least government, but today "liberals want a powerful centralized government — from womb to tomb."

"Liberal philosophy has invaded our schools . . . where nationalism is subordinate to one-worldism . . . Four-letter slant that we used to find on restroom walls is now taught in college," Moore told his audience.

"I speak of 'Catcher in the Rye,'" Moore said. Many in the audience laughed.

Moore said he objected to Gus Hall, U.S. Communist party chairman, lecturing to 57 universities, which he said Hall has done in the past year. "If it was academic freedom, they would have General Walker, Governor Wallace and Robert Welch, and Hall wouldn't even be allowed," Moore said.

"Impeaches Self"

He said U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren had already impeached himself. "The Constitution is a contract between the people and the government. When a party to a contract violates what he has

agreed to uphold, he has impeached himself."

Moore said of the "threat" of the Birch Society:

"Has the John Birch Society subverted half the world? Has the Birch Society enslaved people? Tortured prisoners? Turned over to other governments our secrets? Pressured for diplomatic recognition of Red China or its admission to the U.N.? Pressured for abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee? Do they want to disarm the United States? Do they want to remove God from the United States?"

Opposition Views

"All of these things have been advocated by opposers of the John Birch Society," Moore said.

Moore said Stevenson, Eleanor Roosevelt, Dean Rusk and Hubert Humphrey had advocated free trade with Red China.

He said "the same ones, plus Henry B. Gonzalez" favor abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Mention of Gonzalez' name touched off sustained cheers and applause from the audience.

In a rebuttal period, in which each side questioned the other, Moore said the Birch Society is not a political organization but rather is chartered as a non-profit educational organization.

Crane cited a statement by Welch from the "Blue Book" which said "we will put our weight into the political scales."

"You say that's not being political?" Crane asked. "Well, it's not going to a church picnic."

Disputes Point

Moore also disputed an opposition statement that Birch Society members believe the end justifies the means.

Maloney quoted a Welch statement that "we will use any means fair or foul to accomplish our destiny . . . as dirty and mean as the Communists."

Questioned persistently on Welch's statement that Dwight Eisenhower was a "conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy," Moore said:

"If a policeman on his beat sees a burglary and he turns his head isn't he the agent of a conspiracy? Moore said this applied to Castro's takeover of Cuba in Eisenhower's administration.

Agrees With Welch

"Eisenhower was a conscious agent of the takeover of Cuba," Moore said. He said he agreed with Welch's statement.

"If we continue at our present trend," Moore said, "I can't see any question but that we'll have a military dictatorship in the United States."

In a summation, Crane said the Birch Society has three beliefs:

"Throw enough of it and some of it will stick. Put enough of it in print and someone will believe it. And to paraphrase an old adage, where there is smoke, there's a stink bomb."

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Birch Debate Site Changed

A debate on the aims and purposes of the John Birch Society sponsored by the Lulac Council No. 2 has been changed to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the ballroom of the Gunter Hotel.

Pete Tijerina, chairman of the council civil rights committee, in announcing the switch, added that the International Building Auditorium would be insufficient to hold the expected attendance based on response to the announced debate.

Sizable delegations are expected from several high schools, said Tijerina.

Dist. Atty. James Barlow is to be moderator. The affirmative case will be presented by Robert Moore, publisher of "The Defiant," while on the negative side will be Dr. Bill Crane, professor of government at St. Mary's University, and attorney Pat Maloney.

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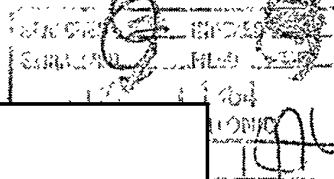
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At approximately 10:00 p.m. on September 28, 1964, [REDACTED] was observed to enter [REDACTED] At approximately 10:30 p.m. [REDACTED] was observed using the telephone and was observed talking on the telephone to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that he had seen [REDACTED] discussed the debate which was to take place at the Alameda Building on Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas. This debate, which is scheduled for September 30, 1964,

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is apparently sponsored by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULACS). The debate is between ROBERT MOORE, reported to be representing the John Birch Society, and one or two other individuals.

According to [redacted] felt that [redacted] members of the Communist Party club to which [redacted] belong should attend this particular debate and to postpone the Communist Party club meeting which is to be held the night of [redacted]. [redacted] wanted to know if [redacted] agreed, and [redacted] stated that if [redacted] suggested it, he would agree to cancel the meeting. [redacted] assured [redacted] that [redacted] agreed with the idea of canceling the Communist Party meeting and attending the LULAC meeting. [redacted] stated that [redacted] They agreed to meet at the [redacted] and attend the debate together.

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TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9784) DATE: 10/8/64

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At about 9:45 a.m. on September 29, 1964, [REDACTED] was observed entering [REDACTED] barber shop, [REDACTED] San Antonio, Texas.

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[REDACTED] was observed getting a haircut from [REDACTED]

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1-89-67 (ASSASSINATION, PRES. KENNEDY)
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[REDACTED] then discussed the Warren Commission report which is the report on the findings of the Commission in connection with the assassination of former President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. [REDACTED] took the position that the report was not factual and was a whitewash inasmuch as if the truth were known, it would be very embarrassing to certain government officials. [REDACTED] did not elaborate on this point.

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Shortly thereafter [redacted] was observed starting to leave the barber shop and [redacted]

The above-mentioned September 18, 1964, issue of Spur is attached to this report.

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[redacted] the Communist Party.

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as a member of the [redacted]
CP, USA, and [redacted] in Texas.

San Antonio is unable to properly characterize other individuals or organizations mentioned above.

As San Francisco is aware, [redacted] attended the [redacted] convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America in San Francisco, California, in [redacted]

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Lulac Debate Series Reset

Lulac Council No. 2 has decided to postpone a series of debates on vital issues until after election day, said Pete Tijerina, chairman for the debate organization committee.

The first debate dealt with the John Birch Society and attracted an overflowing crowd estimated at over 1,000.

The second debate on the Lulac Council No. 2 agenda was to deal with the "Americans for Democratic Action" (ADA) another controversial organization.

"Considering that politics could hardly be kept out of any such debate, and Lulac being a non-political organization, we have decided to postpone future presentations until elections are over," said Tijerina.

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Afterthoughts

John Birch Society advocate Bob Moore had a rugged time not long ago when he debated Prof. Bill Crane and Attorney Pat Maloney in the Gunter Hotel. An audience of some 1,000 certainly reacted against pro-Bircher Moore. But he gets back at them this week in his Texas Defiance, a weekly whose entire front page is devoted to Moore's ex post facto thrusts at Crane and Maloney—stuff he forgot to say at the debate.

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San Antonio Express/
News

San Antonio, Texas

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Optional Form No. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

DATE: 10/13/64

FROM:

SA [REDACTED]

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 10/1/64, [REDACTED] furnished the writer an oral report which was subsequently transcribed and thereafter authenticated by the Informant on 10/6/64. This report is located in [REDACTED] and contains the following information:

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At approximately 8:00 p.m. on September 30, 1964, [REDACTED] was observed entering the ballroom of the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, where he attended a debate regarding the John Birch Society.

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It is to be noted that [REDACTED] had previously been instructed by [REDACTED] to attend this meeting. This meeting was sponsored by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULACS), and there were between 500 and 1,000 people present.

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1-64-272 (LULACS)

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1-100-8993 [REDACTED]

1-100-8400 [REDACTED]

1-100-7111 [REDACTED]

1-100-8137 [REDACTED]

1-101-9 [REDACTED]

1-100-242-Sub 6 (POLITICAL ACT.)

1-100-242-Sub 20 (MASS ORG.)

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One of the individuals making opening remarks to the debate was PETE TIJERINA who is believed to be a past president of the LULACS. TIJERINA remarked to the audience that if they saw someone with a strange face sitting next to them that they need not worry because it was probably a member of the FBI.

Bexar County District Attorney JAMES BARLOW acted as moderator and Attorney PAT MALONEY and Dr. BILL CRANE of St. Mary's University spoke against the Birch Society. The Birch Society was defended in the debate by ROBERT MOORE.

Attorney MALONEY was critical of the communists and the communist movement but stated that the actions by the Birch Society in combatting communism was not the way to handle this problem. Both MALONEY and Professor CRANE pointed out as an example that the Birch Society method was wrong by referring to President EISENHOWER, President TRUMAN, and Chief Justice of the U. S., EARL WARREN, as tools of the communists or traitors. MOORE tried to show that these individuals were instruments of communists, by using as an example a policeman who was walking a beat, saw a prowler about to break into a house, but the policeman would turn his head and walk away and thereby not stop a burglary before it was committed.

It was noted that there were numerous students at this debate who were taking notes and apparently were students from St. Mary's University since they were very loud in their applause on comments made by Professor CRANE.

It appeared that the majority of the audience was against the John Birch Society.

The following individuals were noted to have been present at this meeting:

[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted]

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It was observed that [] was with
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At approximately 10:15 p.m. when the meeting ended [] was seen leaving the ballroom and walking out with [] and [] indicated to [] that he would like to see [] if he had time.

Above concludes Informant's report.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-242-Sub 11) DATE: 10/13/64

FROM:

SA [REDACTED]

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RE:

CP, USA
SOUTHERN REGION
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION
YOUTH MATTERS
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On 10/1/64, [REDACTED] furnished the writer an oral report which was subsequently transcribed and thereafter authenticated by Informant on 10/6/64. This report is located in [REDACTED] and contains the following information:

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At approximately 11:00 p.m. on September 30, 1964, [REDACTED] was observed to drive to the south side of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was observed walking to [REDACTED] car and was observed talking to [REDACTED] remained in his car and [REDACTED] stood on the outside.

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1-100-7232 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1-100-9774 [REDACTED]

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① 1-100-9455 (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY) (CREEDEN)

1-100-361 [REDACTED]

1-100-9784 (DCA)

1-100-242-Sub 20 (MASS ORG.) (CARLSON)

1-100-3193 [REDACTED]

1-157-272 (FREEDOM NOW)

1-157-88 (CORE)

1-157-94 (RM)

1-157-94-Sub 1 (RM, SAN ANTONIO)

1-100-242-Sub 17 (EDUCATION)

1-100-242-Sub 6 (POLITICAL ACT.)

1-100-7631 (ORG.)

1-97-80 (FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COM.)

1-100-242-Sub 8 (DOMESTIC ADM. ISSUES)

1-100-9845 (CIRM)

1- [REDACTED]

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[redacted] discussed the debate regarding the John Birch Society which both attended at the Gunter Hotel earlier in the evening. Both agreed that ROBERT MOORE, who represented the Birch Society, did a very poor job in the debate. [redacted] was also critical of Attorney PAT MALONEY for his anti-communist statements, and [redacted] was going to write MALONEY a letter to try and straighten MALONEY out on communism. [redacted] thought that Professor BILL CRANE of St. Mary's University did a much better job in denouncing the Birch Society than did MALONEY.

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[REDACTED] gave [REDACTED] a pamphlet entitled, "Fair Play for Cuba Committee Bulletin, Summer, 1964," mimeographed in Canada by the Canadian Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

This pamphlet is attached to this report.

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[REDACTED] was observed to leave the ice house at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Above concludes Informant's report.

The following are pertinent characterizations:

[REDACTED] (9/16/64)

Source advised that [REDACTED] continues as [REDACTED] He has been a CP member and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to the present time. He continues his efforts to strengthen the CP in this area.

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[REDACTED] has been a [REDACTED]

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[redacted] of the CP of Texas
from at least [redacted] He has been
[redacted] of the CP of Texas
from at least [redacted] In
January, 1962, the State Committee and
its offices were technically abolished.
However, it was agreed the committee
and its officers would continue to
function and [redacted] has continued
to do so to the present time.

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[redacted] (1/7/60)

Source advised that on that date [redacted]
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[redacted] CP, USA, identified
[redacted] as a member of the [redacted]
[redacted] CP, USA, and [redacted]
in Texas.

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[redacted] (9/14/55)

Source advised that as of September 11,
1955, [redacted]
[redacted] was one of [redacted] members
of the [redacted]
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[redacted] is presently a Security Index subject of the
San Antonio office.

San Antonio cannot properly characterize other names
or organizations mentioned above.

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AND, THEREFORE, SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

DATE: 10/22/64

FROM : Complaint Clerk

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/22/64, [redacted] office at [redacted] contacted the San Antonio Office stating [redacted] had been given a paper entitled the Texas Defiance, edited by ROBERT C. MOORE, of San Antonio, on 10/21/64, and as he didn't agree with any of the statements of the paper, he thought the FBI should know of it and look into the matter.

[redacted] stated a woman was handing the papers out at some shopping center on Blanco Road yesterday afternoon and as his wife drove past her, she stopped his wife, and as [redacted] stated, "started giving her a sermon about BARRY GOLDWATER." [redacted] again stated the articles were rash and he said he felt they "bordered on guff," and thought someone should do something about it as no one should run down the presidency and the nation as was expressed in the paper.

[redacted] stated he did not want the paper and as he was going to be in town today, he would bring the paper to this office for our information.

[redacted] came to the office at approximately 11:30 a.m., and stated that [redacted] Secretary for [redacted] had told him the woman who handed his wife the paper was either [redacted] informed [redacted] that these two women are members of some radical group in [redacted] precinct and are always loding some sort of protest at the City Council meetings.

[redacted] stated that he is an [redacted] Texas, and at one time worked for the government in an investigative capacity and thought the FBI should go out an investigate MOORE and shake him up to the extent he would stop printing such "trash."

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[] was thanked for his concern in the matter and was advised the matter would be referred to the Special Agent in Charge for appropriate action.

[] stated he would be glad to cooperate with anyone from this office that wished to speak with him.

No indices reference on [] or [] however, [] and [] have several references.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

DATE: 11/5/64

FROM : Complaint Clerk

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/5/64, Lt. [REDACTED] Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, came to this office with the following information concerning the attached October 16, 1964 edition of The Texas Defiance.

Lt. [REDACTED] stated that a civilian employee of the engineering section where he is assigned recently brought this paper to work stating he had received it through the mail at his home address. Lt. [REDACTED] stated the employee's name was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] telephone number WA 4-3569, San Antonio. [REDACTED] told the Lt. that he received the paper approximately one week ago.

Lt. [REDACTED] stated that several other of the civilian employee's of his section received copies of this paper, and all agree that it is "a lot of trash" and believe something should be done about this. [REDACTED] stated for that reason he decided to take off from work and bring the paper to this office.

Lt. [REDACTED] stated that he would be glad to co-operate with any Agent from this office who might need to contact him concerning what he might know about the matter. [REDACTED] also stated that he had secured [REDACTED] approval to submit his [REDACTED] name to this office. [REDACTED] also agreed to talk to anyone from this office if necessary.

Above submitted for information purposes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9784)

DATE: 12/4/64

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

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RE: W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA
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On 10/25/64, [REDACTED] furnished the writer an oral report which was subsequently transcribed and thereafter authenticated by the Informant on 10/28/64. This report is located in [REDACTED] and contains the following information:

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At approximately 10:00 p.m. on October 25, 1964, it was determined that [REDACTED] telephonically contacted [REDACTED]

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he wanted to talk to him.

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] has indicated in the past that since [REDACTED] believes that his, [REDACTED] telephone is "tapped," and he does not want to use it to discuss party business, that when [REDACTED] calls [REDACTED] and wants to talk to him, [REDACTED] will thereafter leave his home and use a public telephone to call [REDACTED] back.

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After [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] returned [REDACTED] call. [REDACTED] inquired if there were anything new going on, and [REDACTED] stated that he was extremely upset.

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1-100-7232 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1-100-9774 [REDACTED]

1-100-242-Sub 2 (SEC. MEASURES)

1-San Francisco (100-52664 DCA)(RM)

1-100-242-Sub 6 (POL. ACT.)

①-100-9455 (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)

1-157-272 (CORE, SAN ANTONIO BRANCH)

1-100-3193 [REDACTED]

1-157-88 (CORE) (CREEDEN)

1-157-94 (RM, GENERAL)

1-157-94-Sub 1 (RM, SAN ANTONIO)

1-100-9845 (CIRM)

1-100-242-Sub 20 (MASS ORG.)

1-100-242-Sub 11 (YOUTH MATTERS)

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[redacted] stated that someone was mailing out post cards to people, using a rubber-stamped notation on the post cards that [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] that he did not mail out any such cards, and had registered a complaint at the Post Office in San Antonio, Texas. According to [redacted] [redacted] had called [redacted] regarding this matter, and, according to [redacted] assured [redacted] that if the Post Office received any more of these post cards that the Post Office would not mail them out.

[redacted] again expressed his displeasure with whoever is doing this and blamed the John Birch Society for mailing these cards.

[redacted] stated that the reason he wanted to talk to [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] and told [redacted] to keep up the good work.

Above concludes Informant's report.

SA 100-9784

For the information of San Francisco, pertinent characterizations pertaining to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are set forth in memorandum of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/13/64 at San Antonio, captioned as above.

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EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN THE EVENT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS DISSEMINATED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE NAME OF THE INFORMANT. THE NAME OF [REDACTED] CANNOT BE PROPERLY CHARACTERIZED, AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU FOR ANY REASON.

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John Birch Society Organized in Comal

By JOHN BENNETT
Staff Writer

NEW BRAUNFELS—A prominent New Braunfels businessman announced Wednesday that a chapter of the John Birch Society has been opened here.

The man, who chooses to "remain anonymous at this time," said the group formed after a Jan. 17 meeting at a local home. The meeting hosted Houston Bircher Buck Mann.

Twenty-four residents here attended the meeting after special invitations were sent to 30. The man said the other six refused for fear of economic reprisal.

The chapter spokesman said the group organized on the heels of an intensive area and national drive to enlist more John Birch members. He said to list the number of local members is against society policy.

General goals of the New Braunfels chapter will align with the society's larger ones, but the spokesman outlined specific

future projects, including war on juvenile delinquency and obscenity.

"I want to get the local citizens interested in cleaning up obscenity in movies and books," he said. "We might get enough interest in a program for the sake of the kids."

Another project would be to encourage more support of the local police department, he said, and a working program with civic groups and teen-agers.

"It might be possible for civic groups to cooperate with the schools to establish clubs for teen-agers," the spokesman said. "The teen-agers could operate it on a profit basis."

He said by operating the club for profit, the teen-agers could learn first hand the "free enterprise system."

The spokesman offered that the teen-age facilities could be located so that each neighborhood would have one. He said it "would at least keep the kids off the street."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

DATE: 2/25/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
New Braunfels, Texas

Re clipping from San Antonio Express Newspaper,
dated 2/11/65.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

AT [REDACTED] TEXAS

On 2/24/65, [REDACTED] was contacted and advised that he has heard that proposals for setting-up a chapter of the John Birch Society in [REDACTED] Texas is in the wind, but as yet, he has heard of no definite plans along these lines. [REDACTED] has been behind various movements in the [REDACTED] area to further the cause of equal rights for all and has been quite friendly and cooperative in the past. [REDACTED] stated that in the event that he hears or develops any additional information regarding a chapter of the John Birch Society in the [REDACTED] Texas area he would gladly pass this information on to the FBI Office in San Antonio.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is suggested that a copy of this memo be furnished to SA CREEDEN for his information and that it be serialized as 100-9455-104a.

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Birch Society Chapter Formed

Special to The Light
NEW BRAUNFELS — A John
 Birch Society chapter has been
 formed here, it has been re-
 ported.

It was reported the chapter
 formed after a meeting in late
 January of 24 persons with a
 coordinator for the society,
 C. O. Mann, Houston.

It was not revealed how many
 members the chapter has, but
 it was said eight members
 would be needed to form the
 chapter.

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San Antonio, Texas

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You have heard the half-truths, rumors, lies and distortions
ARE YOU WILLING TO HEAR THE TRUTH?

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

stands for:

- Less Government
- More Responsibility
- A Better World

"Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light."
GEORGE WASHINGTON

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

cordially invites:

To Hear Our Story
and
Enter For Yourself

Place:

Date:

Time:

RSVP HERE:

Invited by:

When:

Please forward this invitation to date.

(See over)

Invitation to a Birch Society Meeting

... passed on to The Texan by recipient Fitzpatrick.

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—THE DAILY TEXAN

—AUSTIN, TEXAS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

DATE: 2/25/65

FROM : SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 2/17/65, [redacted] home address in
care of General Delivery [redacted] employed [redacted]

[redacted] informed that [redacted] received a letter postmarked
2/14/65 with the return address [redacted]

[redacted] Underneath the return address was
the following statement, "Why stop with wheat? Why not
send 'em scrap metal too?"

Enclosed in the above envelope was an invitation
to "The John Birch Society to hear our story and judge for
yourself". The place of the gathering was [redacted]
[redacted] Austin, Texas, on 2/19/65. The host was [redacted]
[redacted] invited by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he personally was very
much against the John Birch Society and that he wanted to
furnish the above information to the FBI.

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Birch Society Founder Speaks Here Tonight

Robert Welch, founder and director of the John Birch Society, will deliver an address, entitled "A Touch of Sanity" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Granada Hotel.

Welch's appearance is sponsored by the local chapters of the John Birch Society.

Price of admission is \$2.

The main speaker's remarks will concern U.S. domestic and foreign policy.

Brig. Gen. Richard B. Moran, retired, will introduce Welch, and Jack Zengler will serve as master of ceremonies.

The John Birch Society was founded by Welch, a retired candy manufacturer, on Dec. 9,

1958, after Welch concluded an ingenious plan was being organized to subvert the U.S. to the benefit of its enemies. It is named for the first known victim of the Communists' cold war, Capt. John Birch.

Welch has served as a director and regional vice president of the National Association of Manufacturers. He is the author of several books, including "The Road to Salesmanship," "May God Forgive Us," "The Life of John Birch" and "The Politician."

Advance tickets may be obtained at 2222 W. Nacogdoches Rd., at 7603 Seidel Rd., or at the door.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 100-9455

DATE: 5-13-65

FROM : SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Information Concerning

On 5-13-65 [] advised that he had an opportunity to attend a John Birch Society rally held at the Granada Hotel at 8PM 5-12-65. The admission was \$2.00 per person and they asked if you wanted to join but did not in any manner try to force you. The only material for sale were books by Robert Welch, national director and principal speaker. There were between 800 and 900 persons present.

In the lobby of the hotel were a group, about six student from St Mary's College who wanted to picket the affair but apparently they did not get enough support from others and called it off. About six members of an organization known as PASO were present. They tried to question Welch but apparently he had been tipped of about them and avoided all but one of their questions.

A number of people traveled from out of town to here him. A group came in by bus from Austin and others were from Seuin and New Braunfels.

The affair went off in an orderly fashion. No incidents or disturbance. The previous day he had spoken in Abilene, Texas and stated that some young fellow tried to picket the place but were unsuccessful. He put on a "good show" and on more than one occasion received a long applause. He spoke for about an hour and a half.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 100-9455

DATE: 5-13-65

FROM : SA JOHN JL CREEDEN, JR

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PSI [redacted] advised that Robert Welch, national director of the John Birch Society spoke in San Antonio, Texas at the Granada Hotel at approximately 8:00PM 5-12-65. He was critical of the US Government, spoke strongly about the fact that the Communist were taking over said we were living in an insane world. There were no disturbances but there were several groups present who did not agree with his thinking. There were no incidents. Attendance was between ~~8x~~ 800 and 1000 persons

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Civil Rights and Reds

Dear Sir:

During the last presidential campaign every type of odd ball "liberal" in the country was braying about Goldwater's crime of refusing to "denounce" the "Birchers," etc., and held this dastardly deed up as proof of his tendencies to fascism and nazism (exact words of many).

Isn't it strange (or is it?) that these same people remain close-mouthed as it becomes more and more apparent every day that the "civil rights" movement is up to its ears in Communists? It took the Saturday Evening Post (liberal as sin) page after page to detail Communist activity in the "civil rights" activities.

Martin Luther King was one of those who stated (in a speech in Germany) that the "rise of Goldwater" reminded him of the rise of Hitler! If anyone in these United States has a moral, legal and political obligation to denounce and forever cast off the influence of Communists in the "civil rights" movement, it is Martin Luther King. Or is he willing to REALLY accept aid and assistance from any quarter—even Communist?

If the "civil rights leaders" refuse to take active steps (as did certain labor organizations years ago) to completely divorce themselves from communism, by drumming out the Communists from their midst, then soon the American people will have no choice but to associate the two.

Robert C. Moore

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San Antonio Express

San Antonio, Texas

Date: 5-11-65

Edition: First Home

Author:

Editor: Charles Kiltpatrick

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Welch Answered By S.A. Professor

100-9455*

The John Birch Society, through a campaign of suspicion, is attempting to "enthron[e] a system of extremism under which there is no dissent," St. Mary's University Prof Bill Crane said Saturday. And the society's effort, led by Robert Welch, is "being made with the support of professional haters, nae sayers . . . and patriots for profit," Crane added.

His comments came in a taped statement over radio station KDRY following a presen-

tation of a tape of Welch's talk delivered here Wednesday night.

Prefacing his remarks by the comment he was not attacking the society nor its right to exist, Crane said the society's greatest disservice to the country "is planting suspicion in the minds of citizens about the government." He said he believes the society is not "really functionally anti-Communist" but is mainly opposed to the government.

He questioned whether the society's attacks against defense spending, foreign aid, the United Nations and other government projects weren't aimed at "stirring suspicions" in an attempt to curb these activities so the income tax could be abolished.

Crane also said Welch owes the Negroes in the United States an apology for linking communism to the civil rights movement and assuming the Negroes "are guilty of murder, rioting and vandalism."

"Was it a black hand which held the gun which killed the housewife from Detroit?" he asked. "God, let us be sensible. Of course there is murder, violence and vandalism," but it is aimed at Negroes and those who support the civil rights movement he said.

He said Welch is "not a conservative; he's a reactionary."

Welch had said the nation is one vast insane asylum, the worst patients are running the nation and many U.S. policies border on insanity.

He said the Communists need only 3 per cent of the people to take over the country and decried appointment of Chief Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren, whom he termed the leading idol of the Communists, to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

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San Antonio Express/
News

San Antonio, Texas

Date: 5-16-65

Edition: Home Edition

Author:

Editor:

Title:

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Dialectic Lesson

Dear Sir:

A short, short lesson in dialectics (material, that is): War is peace. Black is white. Lies are truth. Nothing is everything. In order to subdue the world's masses, the fantastic state of submission needs to be brought about via the complete elimination and discreditation of all verities—to establish as a scientific premise that everything is relative. Once this absolute denial of truth and fact is conditioned in the "thinking" process of the victim, then a slave has been created. When such conditioning is practiced on a mass scale, the results become almost as deadly as those obtainable in the "captive" process (such as the classroom condition).

When "students" accept as "truth" the illogical conclusion that in order to give the masses "everything"—everything must be taken away from them; that in order for the people to "own" everything—they must be permitted to own nothing; that everything opposed to our form of government is, in truth, true "Americanism"; that Christian doctrine (the antithesis of materialism) is, in truth, the gateway to materialistic atheism; that the founders of the first truly libertarian system wanted, in truth, an authoritarian form of government—then we are in serious trouble.

"Liberals" will look you straight in the eye and expound upon these "truths" and dare you to refute them. They become frustrated and confused at the apparent lack of understanding on your part. The "lies are truth" bit can be verified in their insistence upon a double standard of application to individual circumstances. That which is moral and acceptable to their interests becomes completely immoral and reprehensible when used against them, or used to further the opposite cause. The "war is peace" dialectic is apparent every day and might makes right when it furthers materialism. Inhumanity practiced by Chinese Reds, Viet Cong Reds, Cuban Reds, Indonesian Reds and African Reds somehow becomes HUMANE!

Robert C. Moore

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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San Antonio, Texas

Date: 5-24-65

Edition: Home Edition

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Editor:

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9797)

7/16/65

Complaint Clerk
[redacted]

AMERICAN OPINION,
Belmont, Mass.;
JOHN WALDRIP-COMPLAINANT
INFORMA TION CONCERNING

On 7/14/65, [redacted] who identified himself as a student at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, contacted the San Antonio Field Office requesting any information on the newspaper "AMERICAN OPINION, published in Belmont, Mass., by ROBERT WELCH.

[redacted] stated he had found a copy of the newspaper in his dormitory and after reading an article entitled The American Negro, and the editors opinion on the problem, [redacted] stated he decided to turn the paper over to School Officials, however, first he decided to contact this office to determine any information available on the paper and editor.

[redacted] was advised that his question could not be answered as the files of this Bureau are confidential and information contained in them can not be disseminated to the public.

No indices reference concerning [redacted] Foregoing for information purposes only. No further action recommended.

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 23, 1965, [redacted]

[redacted] telephone [redacted] who is
in the [redacted] and who is employed at

[redacted] as a [redacted]
[redacted] telephone extension [redacted] and who requested his
identity be protected, appeared at the San Antonio office of the
FBI and furnished the following information:

[redacted]
[redacted]
On the evening of 8/20/65, [redacted]

[redacted] found several pamphlets that
[redacted] had left in the car. Among the various pamphlets were items
dealing with the John Birch Society.

One of the items, an Electrostat of which is
enclosed for Houston, reflects local address as 7603 Hillcroft
Boulevard, Houston, Texas.

For the information of Houston, pertinent informa-
tion concerning this has been furnished 10th District, OSI.

This is for the information of Houston. No
further action is being taken by San Antonio.

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BLIND NOTE:

On 8/23/65, after interviewing [redacted] SA [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] 10th District, OSI, and furnished him with the above information. [redacted] stated that they were not interested in receiving any of the material or any other information regarding this incident and desired that no letter be sent to their headquarters.

It is pointed out that among the other literature that [redacted] were various reprints by American Opinion from the John Birch Society and Robert Welch, Inc., Belmont, Massachusetts. The various reprints included the following:

"Color, Communism, and Common Sense," by Manning JOHNSON.

"Reprint of American Negro Problems," by JOHN PEPPER.

"Reprint of a Report by the General Legislative Investigative Committee to the Mississippi State Legislature Concerning the Occupation of a Campus of the University of Mississippi, September 3, 1962" published by the Department of Justice of the United States.

Also included in the material was a copy of the Declaration of Independence which was published by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company and a copy of the Constitution of the U. S. distributed by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

[redacted] indicated he was going to return this material to [redacted] indicated that he had just received a Security lecture and stated he thought he was probably being overcautious but desired to bring this matter to the attention of the FBI.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Local Address:
7603 Hillcroft Blvd., Suite C
Houston, Texas 77036
GY 4-9691, Area Code 713

The John Birch Society was founded in December, 1958. Since that time it has become one of the most talked-about movements in our country. You, and tens of thousands of other Americans, have chosen to learn the truth about The John Birch Society. We think you will find, as others have, that the Society is surprisingly different from what you might have heard through other sources.

We hope you are sufficiently interested in the Society to obtain the Special Packet. It contains The Blue Book, The Life of John Birch and additional significant materials, including sample copies of the monthly bulletin of the Society and American Opinion magazine. The packet has a total retail value of seven dollars.

The Blue Book deserves special mention, for it provides a detailed discussion of the background, purposes, structure, and mechanics of the Society. It is, in fact, the full presentation of the Society as it was given by Mr. Welch at the founding meeting in December, 1958.

The Introductory Packet includes an assortment of pamphlets which pertains to the program of the Society. Also included is a copy of "The California Report" on The John Birch Society. The report of the California Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities provides the reader with a great deal of information about the Society.

We consider The Blue Book minimum reading for anyone who really wishes to understand the nature and progress of the communist threat to our Republic, and to learn the purposes and program of the Society. You may obtain The Blue Book from this office.

The order blank below will help you with your order for The Blue Book or for the packets mentioned above.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is my check (or money order) in the amount of _____
Please send the items I have indicated.

_____ Special Packet (\$5.10, incl. Sales Tax)
_____ The Blue Book of The John Birch Society (\$2.04, incl. Sales Tax)
_____ Introductory Packet (\$1.02, incl. Sales Tax)

Send them to: _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

DATE: 8/22/65

FROM : SPC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: H. P. JUBELA
4924 Chedder
San Antonio, Texas.
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

At 6:50 PM today, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that subject left numerous pamphlets and sheet type literature in his car last Friday. [REDACTED] stated that he is presently on vacation and desired to bring these materials left by subject to the FBI office because they were of a communist nature.

[REDACTED] stated that he could bring the materials to the office in the AM of 8/23/65. Writer advised him that the office hours were from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. Indices negative re subject and caller.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Antonio, Texas
September 2, 1965

RE: **HELMUTH P. JUBELA,**
Logistics Specialist, Jet
Engine Inventory Management
Division, Operations Branch,
Directorate of Materiel
Management, Kelly Air Force
Base, Texas, Department of the
Air Force

A source with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine reliability advised August 20, 1965, H. P. JUBELA, 4914 Cheddar, San Antonio, Texas, who is an employee of Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, had in his possession some literature. Among other pieces of literature source advised that JUBELA had various reprints by American Opinion from the John Birch Society and Robert Welch, Inc., Belmont, Massachusetts. These various reprints included:

"Color, Communism, and Common Sense" by HANNING JOHNSON
"Reprint of American Negro Problems" by JOHN PEPPER
"Reprint of a Report by the General Legislative
Investigative Committee to the Mississippi State Legislature
Concerning the Occupation of a Campus of the University of
Mississippi, September 3, 1962" published by the Department
of Justice of the United States

Also included in the material was a copy of the Declaration of Independence which was published by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, and a copy of the Constitution of the United States, distributed by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

On September 2, 1965, [redacted] Investi-
gator, Security and Law Enforcement Division, Kelly Air Force
Base, Texas, advised that records at Kelly reflect that HELMUTH
P. JUBELA, who was born December 31, 1911, at Seguin, Texas,

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HELMUTH P. JUBELA, Logistics Specialist,
Jet Engine Inventory Management Division,
Operations Branch, Directorate of Materiel
Management, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas,
Department of the Air Force

is a logistics specialist, Jet Engine Inventory Management
Division, Operations Branch, Directorate of Materiel
Management.

This document contains neither recommendations nor
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and
is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be
distributed outside your agency.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455) (C)

RE: HELMUTH P. JUBELA,
Logistics Specialist
Jet Engine Inventory Management
Division, Operations Branch,
Directorate of Materiel
Management, Kelly Air Force
Base, Department of the Air Force
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies of LHM regarding above captioned individual suitable for dissemination.

The source mentioned in LHM is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and who requested that his identity be protected. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had had this material while riding in [REDACTED] s car.

Contact with [REDACTED] was made by SA [REDACTED]

No further action being taken by San Antonio.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN, TEXAS-78712

SPECIAL PROGRAMS DIVISION
WEST MALL OFFICE BUILDING 101A

October 19, 1965

Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

[redacted] (home address: [redacted])
a senior student in our Plan II degree program, has asked me to
submit a letter for your files regarding his membership in the
John Birch Society.

Our Plan II seniors do a special research paper or project,
and [redacted] is doing his on the Society. Apparently he
needs to do his research from "within," and is joining one of
the Austin groups. He will be supervised by Professor [redacted]
[redacted] of the Sociology Department.

I trust that this is a sufficient and satisfactory explanation
of his activities. Please advise if you think this office
should do anything else to clarify the reasons for Thompson's
membership.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted signature box]

Director, Plan II

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cc: F.B.I.
Dallas Office

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433 Federal Building
P. O. Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas 78206
October 22, 1965


[redacted]
Director, Plan II
College of Arts and Sciences
The University of Texas
Austin, Texas 78712


Dear [redacted]


This will acknowledge your letter dated October 19,
1965, concerning a research paper being prepared by [redacted]
[redacted]

I appreciate your furnishing me this information and
you may be assured it will be properly filed.

Very truly yours,


J. MYERS COLE
Special Agent in Charge

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
615 East Houston
San Antonio, Texas

62-6-11733

Dear Sir:

This letter is to confirm [redacted] letter to your office dated October 26, 1965. [redacted] is a student of mine taking the Tutorial Course 359. In this course a student picks an area of interest to him and then works with a faculty member who has some knowledge in the area. [redacted] expressed an interest in studying the nature of political organizations and especially those believed to represent a conservative or right-wing orientation. After several meetings we narrowed the scope of his project to a study of the John Birch Society and specifically to a study of the social and personality characteristics of its members. Given the secretive nature of this organization, the only way that [redacted] can obtain even limited information is to become an active member. However, he is concerned about joining an organization which is highly suspect, at least by some, and one which does not represent his views. He is concerned that his membership in this organization could be used against him at some later date. Consequently, he would like you to have these statements on record in your office.

If your office has any information which would be of use to him which you could make available, we would greatly appreciate it. Also, if by any chance [redacted] could be of any use to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Assistant Professor of Sociology

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478 Federal Building
Post Office Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas 78206

October 28, 1965

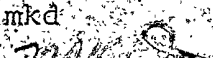
[Redacted]
Austin, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

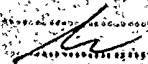


This is to acknowledge receipt of
your letter dated October 26, 1965. You can
be assured that it will be made a matter of
record in this office.

Very truly yours,


J. Myers Cole
Special Agent in Charge

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Connally Lashes Out At Birchers

McALLEN, Tex. (AP)— Gov. John Connally lashed out at the John Birch Society Tuesday when newsmen asked his opinion on the group.

Connally said members of the society have "drifted somewhat into the background, which I think is fine. I wish they would stay there."

Connally added:

"Actually and seriously, it's an organization, I suppose, where people band together to try to express their feelings. I think it's a pretty poor way to do it, however."

Connally was in McAllen Tuesday after speaking Monday night at a migrant school seminar attended by some 400 teachers and administrators.

Asked about the upcoming constitutional amendment elections, Connally spoke out strongly for four-year terms for state officials. He said they cannot do an adequate job when forced to spend one year of their two-year terms on the campaign trail.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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San Antonio News

San Antonio, Texas

Date: 10-27-65

Edition: First Home

Author:

Editor:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

DATE: 1/13/66

FROM : Complaint Clerk
[redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 1/12/66, [redacted] telephone number LE 4-2430, San Antonio, Texas, contacted the San Antonio Office requesting information concerning the John Birch Society, or if such information could not be given, an address in Washington, D. C. where she could write to secure such information.

When asked why she wanted this information she advised that recently a friend of hers whom she preferred not to identify had contacted her, [redacted] and asked her to attend a meeting which was held last week at an unknown address on Presa Street, San Antonio. [redacted] advised that she had informed this friend that she, [redacted] wanted nothing to do with a "subversive group" and therefore declined to attend the meeting.

[redacted] stated she understood that her friend had attended the meeting but did not believe that the woman had attended any previous ones. [redacted] stated that her friend had implied that other meetings would be held in the near future; however, no definite information concerning this was learned by [redacted] or location of the meetings or size of the group attending.

[redacted] was advised that the files of the FBI are confidential and information such as that she had asked for could not be furnished. [redacted] was furnished the address where she could write for the AG's list on subversive organizations when she asked where such a list could be secured.

No identifiable information located in indices concerning [redacted] Foregoing submitted for information purposes only.

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Application For Membership

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October 21, 1965

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the Home
Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year
from this date, and for automatic renewal each year
thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand
the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet,
as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my mem-
bership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed
officer of the Society, without the reason being stated,
on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in
advance.

Sincerely

(Name)

(Address)

Date October 21, 1965

Dues Received \$12.00

STUDENT

Application Approved

By

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Carlson

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October 26, 1965

Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
615 East Houston
San Antonio, Texas

100-9455

Dear Sir:

I am writing in reference to the nature of my activities with the John Birch Society. I am enrolled as an undergraduate student at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. For the 1965-66 school year, I am involved in what is known as Tutorial Course 359, which is a program entailing independent study in a certain area with the hope of making some original contribution to that area. My area of study is the John Birch Society. The purpose of this project is to collect pertinent data which will either support or fail to support the various theories which have been advanced attempting to explain what type of people belong to this particular group and why.

I am writing this paper under the direction of [redacted] Department of Sociology, and [redacted] Department of Government and Director of Plan II at the University of Texas. You will receive letters from these men under separate cover further explaining this project.

Since the Birch Society is a secret (or semi-secret) organization, especially concerning its membership rolls, it is necessary that I join the Birch Society in order to collect the kind of information necessary for my work. In order to allow mobility between the various chapters in Austin and other towns in which I may work (notably Abilene, Texas), I am making my application for the Home Chapter of the John Birch Society in Belmont, Massachusetts. Home Chapter status will allow me to work with several chapters in order to obtain a more meaningful sample of the membership.

I would like to have it made clear and officially recorded that I in no way sympathize with or support the programs, policies, or ideologies of the John Birch Society; I am joining this group solely as a means of gathering the necessary information for the fulfillment of my project.

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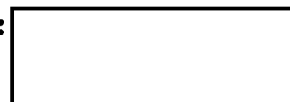
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Enclosed with this letter is a Thermofax Dry Copy of my membership application to the John Birch Society dated October 21, 1965.

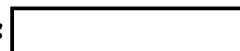
Sincerely yours,



Home Address:



Social Security Number:



Enclosure (1)

cc: Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mercantile-Continental Building
Dallas, Texas

Don Politico SAYS:

Everyone talks of how Henry Gonzalez has no opposition for re-election to Congress.

They're wrong.

They also talk of how no one can unseat Henry.

On that score, they probably are correct.

But there is a fellow who is going to try to prove that statement incorrect.

He's Robert C. Moore, a candidate under the Constitution party banner.

Moore, a retired Air Force master sergeant, was a City Council candidate in 1963. He's the assistant retail manager for a chain of drive-in grocery stores.

One of 11

Moore, 43, of 535 Mount Vernon Court, is one of 11 local Constitution party candidates in this county. The other 10 will be seeking state legislative posts.

The party is expected to nominate San Antonio's Bard Logan for governor.

As the party did not field a candidate for governor in 1964, it does not have to hold a primary election.

The Constitutionlists are fielding Chester D. Deiter against State Rep. Jake Johnson.

This is Johnson's only opposition.

Moore said he is facing Gonzalez because the Republicans did not file against him. He would not be running if the GOP had a candidate.

Moore hasn't offered a platform yet. The issues, he says, presently are being codified by party leaders.

But he sees his candidacy as a "moral issue," contending Gonzalez is "representing Washington to the people, not the people to Washington."

Wrong Way

He insists the congressman is selling his constituents on what Washington wants, instead of selling Washington on what his constituents want.

Moore, a native of Lafayette, Ind., has lived in the Alamo City nine years. He retired from the Air Force in 1962.

He is married and has three children who attend parochial school.

His candidacy for the City Council was as an independent. He ran against former Councilman George De La Garza and Luvine (The Prophet) Elias.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

DATE: 3/23/66

FROM : SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR.

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/16/66, [redacted] attached to the Domestic Intelligence Squad, SAPD, San Antonio, Texas, advised that the [redacted] of the PTA of San Antonio, [redacted] who is also a daughter of [redacted] advised that she was concerned about certain individuals who were endeavoring to take over the board because she feared they were members of the John Birch Society trying to infiltrate and control the action of the PTA. She stated she could not be positive of this but from what she has observed, she believes she is right.

She identified these people as follows:

[redacted]
[redacted]

She stated that these groups are affiliated in one way or another with the following two organizations which she likewise suspects has something to do with the John Birch Society:

Women for Constitutional Government
Valley Forge Play Review

The above is being submitted for information purposes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO

DATE: 6-18-66

FROM : SC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Information Concerning

At 11:45 PM this date [REDACTED] phone WA -4-3805 called this office to advise that he had received an invitation to attend a private showing of a film concerning the John Birch Society. [REDACTED] said that the invitation was from a [REDACTED] and the film was to be shown on Vanderbilt Street, Monday evening around 7:30 PM.

[REDACTED] said that he was an employee of Kelly Air Force Base and he wanted to know if it was all right for him to attend this showing of the film. He said that he was a government employee he did not want it to get around that he had attended such a function.

San Antonio indices negative re [REDACTED]

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Bircher Scores Jewish League

A Roman Catholic official of the John Birch Society denounced Tuesday night the Anti-Defamation League of the Jewish B'nai B'rith as anti-Semitic in a speech at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, 3910 West Ave.

Thomas J. Davis, eastern regional manager of public relations of the society, from New York, told his audience the ADL is guilty of professionally promoting bigotry, hatred and anti-Semitism, for profit.

"The Anti-Defamation League is a 'Gestapo type' organization that operates a vast intelligence network in the U.S. for the purpose of smearing anyone who dares oppose its philosophies and goals," Davis asserted.

"The Anti-Defamation League's methods are aimed not only at the John Birch Society, but also are alien to the system under which the American people live. It seeks to destroy all anti-Communist and patriotic effort, together with the free institutions of our society and government.

Spying Charged

"The Anti-Defamation League is a 'Himmler' agency; it spies on other Americans and compiles information with which to attack them, if they don't happen to agree with the ADL."

The subject of Davis speech was "The Jewish Community and the John Birch Society."

Davis drew a sharp distinction between the ADL and its parent body, B'nai B'rith. B'nai B'rith, he said, is a respectable organization throughout the world. By contrast, he added, the ADL is a left-wing group that hides behind the respectability and good will of B'nai B'rith.

"The Anti-Defamation League has declared war on the John Birch Society," Davis said, and he added that its purpose, according to Arnold Forster, general counsel of the ADL, is to "stamp the John Birch Society out of existence."

He said the thinking of the ADL is not to be construed as representative of the thinking of the Jewish community.

Called "Vulgar"

"The Anti-Defamation League is now telling the American people that 'the more time that Catholics and Protestants spend in church, the more anti-Semitic they become and the less time they spend in church, the less anti-Semitic their feelings are,'" Davis said. "To me that is a vulgar statement and one of the reasons why we charge the ADL with promoting bigotry and hatred. We appeal to the Jewish community to stop Forster and Epstein (Benjamin Epstein, co-author of a book called 'The John Birch Society'—1966) from continuing to spread this kind of hatred."

Warning that the ADL wields a powerful weapon in branding as anti-Semitic anyone who dares to cross it, Davis said it seeks to encourage a national march toward creeping social-

ism by the expedient of defaming all persons, groups, businesses, parties, enterprises and movements which take a differing view of what is best for America.

"The John Birch Society has in its membership, and welcomes, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Negroes, Puerto Ricans and Indians," Davis said. "Anyone who meets our requirements for membership — religious idealism and fervent patriotism — is welcome."

Davis said the society agrees with Massachusetts Rabbi Baruch Korff that in its declaration of war on the society "the ADL has gone berserk."

The society representative said the ADL "engages in private espionage against politicians, business and professional men, and other individuals who are subject to economic or social pressure."

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San Antonio Express

San Antonio, Texas

Date: 8/10/66

Edition: Home

Author:

Editor: Charles Kilpatrick

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: San Antonio

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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)(C)
FROM: SA RICHARD H. BLASSER
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Remarks:

Information from [redacted] need not be concealed. He has testified and is characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past. Informant's report follows:

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- ① - San Antonio (RM)
- 1 - El Paso (RM)
- 1 - Buffalo (RM)
- 1 - New York (RM)
- 2 - Boston (100-32899)

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to furnish CC to all
if not already done.
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"REPORT OF TEXAS TRIP OF

[redacted] from July 20 to 29. Flew

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AA to Dallas and by Gray Hound Bus to
Laredo, Texas.

"July 22, 1966 AUSTIN, TEXAS.

~~"AMERICAN OPINION BOOK STORE~~

~~712 Brazes St. GR. 6-1488~~

Store in down-town section of town. Two women,
one 60 year old.

Other -- [redacted] in charge (late 40's).

"They publish 'Freedom Views' PO Box 983 Austin Texas
which is also part of Austin Anti-Communist League.

"One half of material was JBS. 4/9 material was Dr.
Fred Schwarz, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade.

"1/9 were works of Edward A. Walker and American Mercury
[redacted] talks with him by phone. Says he is
wonderful and that he is getting ready to go to
Christian Crusade. [redacted]

"Bought 2 books

"Will Russia Conquer the World" by I thought E.A. Walker
by it is by William H. Walker Dean, of Miami Bible
Institute. 900 N.W. 30th Street, Miami, Florida.

"June 1965 American Mercury
also Pin 'Great Society'

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"They sold 'Truth about Selma'. She said, 'In Birmingham I could pick up true story. Gave me copy of 'Night Riders' 100% Klan book. Showed me picture of Negro and White in 'act'. Said that these pictures were not censored.

"Says [redacted] 'Manchester Guardian' like local paper 'Borger Texas News-Herald'. Both often print same letters to editor. Arch R. Roberts' letter in one.

"There are several local chapters. New drive for membership. Did not do well with 'Support Your Local Police' Said membership will pick up with coming of 'Mellon pickers' strike (locking for \$1.25)

[redacted] -- regional director of JBS in Dallas charges C.P. support

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"She gave me copy of the 'The Augusta Courier' said she supports this paper.

"She said, 'Human Events' on 18th Congressional District of Texas tells about a strip of land 1 mile X 60 miles of Texas to be given to Mexican Government by Johnson.

"July 22 SAN ANTONIO

American Publishing Company 806+7 Travis Bldg.

Constitutional Party 4519 Rimrock

Both addresses were not in telephone book and operator could not give me any other phone number.

"July 24, 1966 DALLAS, TEXAS

"VISITED [redacted]

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"Went to part of Bible Class and all of morning service.

"He asked if I would lead in prayer but I declined.
Wanted to know what Right wing organization I belonged
to. (Am. Institute)...

He said he wished I would move down here because we
need more Right Wingers down here. I showed him
copy of First Nat. Directory and he said that he had one.
He is founder of Citizens Council. He sold me \$1.50
GOD THE ORIGINAL SEGREGATIONIST but wanted to do
business out side the Church because Jesus might throw
him out.

"TEMPATATIONS OF GAMBLING Christian Life Commission
THE BIBLE JUDGES COMMUNISM Southern Baptist Convention

[redacted] member says she belonged to church for
long time

Rev. a good man and in many things (Questioned about
White Citizens Council)

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"July 25, 1966
VISITED
VIRGINIAS BOOK SHOP
3812 Gaston Ave.
Tal-1929

"Had a complete store of Religious Books. Consertive
and fundermental religion. Store statement of belief.
Established in 1957. All material 'screened' for
Biblical truth, sound doctrine.'
had same Wm. H. Walker book I bought in AUSTIN.

"Bought 'THE FATHERWOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN
American Council of Churches
'SELECTED TEXT FOR PERSONAL WORKERS'
'THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES--A MENAGE TO CHURCH
AND STATE

The Presbyterian Journal
Weaverville, N.C.

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"UNIVERSAL PLAN
2018 Bennett Ave.

"No answer at this home. Was near to where Speck
used to live. 11:30 AM

"AMERICAN BOOK CO
PARK CITIES NORTH DALLAS NESW
6930 Snider Plaza Rug weavers hobie shop new at this address

"Called AMERICAN BOOK CO 411 Elm St. Not the same outfit.

"H. L. HUNT PUBLISHING CO.
1401 Elm St. Dallas Texas
First National Bank Building
on the 29th floor of new building
over looks square where Kennedy killed.

"Was given bundle of 'Life Line Material'
Went on mailing list as



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"July 26, 1966

"VISITED
AMERICAN OPINION BOOK STORE
8711 McKinney Ave. Dallas Texas
TA7-5741 also the home of John Birch Society

"Took pictures. In a new building on bus rout to
Love Air Field. Book store plus office. There were
two young women working therein A.M.

"FREE

"Dallas County Committee
Support Your Local Police
PO Box 30383
Dallas Texas 75230

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"Notice of Mr. Thomas J. Davis
speaking on subject Jewish Community and
the John Birch Society
Aug. 10, 1958 BAKER HOTEL 8PM
and attack on ADL

"FOR SALE

"'GOLD SWINDLE by George Lacey Jordan
Bumper sticker DOES POLITICS PAY:? ASK L.B.J.

"Almost all the material was on list of JBS
but not the Jordan book. They also had the
book 'Truth of Selma'.

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"VISITED

"VOICE OF FREEDOM
26W. Mockingbird Lane
Freedom Press, Inc.
F12-9422 PO Box 20113

"Nashville, Tenn. 37202
PO Box 128

"SPOKE WITH

"He gave me a whole box full of material without
cost. I promised to take material into Maine.
He did not ask for my name and address. He also gave
me a copy of "THE ROCK's anti-Roman Catholic newspaper
from Sydney, Australia.

"Roman Catholic church is the chief foe.
he said that 'RCC has not changed only the pro^{per}ganda
has changed. The RCC is a bigger threat today than
ever.' Material on the desk shows letters from all
over the country.

"VISITED

CITIZENS COUNCIL.
WILSON BUILDING
1621 Main Street in down town Dallas

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"I could not find name in lobby and I was forced to ask Negro starter. He said 'Is this like a law firm'. I said 'No, more like an association.' (He knew but would not help.) He sent me to room 612 to women accountants. They sent me to building manager. He said that he had no record or knowledge. He sent me to room 723.

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"NAME ON DOOR



No one at home.

"Visited Kennedy shooting park. Took pictures and talked with two men. One from SF and other a native.

"Bought book 'Dallas' by Warren Leslie

"JULY 27 VISITED



"She looked like [redacted] Office was a mess with checks and other papers all over the office. She could not find any material for me but copy of CITIZENS COUNCIL CHARTER and two membership cards. She is the Treasurer. There were 1954 and and 1958 copies of COMMON SENSE ON THE table with other papers.

"She tried to get me an appointment with GENERAL EDWARD A. WALKER but could not because he was getting ready to go to other meetings
4011 Turtle Circle La1-4115

"She is active as a person in John Birch Society. She gave me KKK name and thinks Walker is great.

She gave me the following names:

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"TEXAS CITIZENS COUNCIL
1125 Davis Bldg.
Dallas 2, Texas.

[REDACTED] Pres. of Citizens Council
R1 2-5200 Listed in Davis Bldg.
she gave me Adolphis Tower

[REDACTED]
W1 1-1265 and she said that he is member of KKK

[REDACTED]
R18-7744
Ta 3-4439

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[REDACTED]
Riverside 2-3674

"OTHER NAMES OF CHARTER

[REDACTED]
"REPORT OF 'BOSTON CITY NEWS Aug. 11, 1966

"FORT WORTH, TEXAS (NPI)
Provisional Government of Confederate States of America

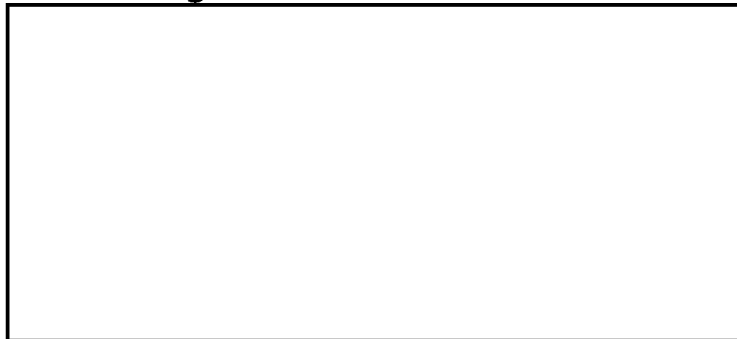
"Proclamation dated Feb. 9, 1966 13 Southern States.

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President Weatherford Texas
Vice Pres.

"other signers



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Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 1-26-66)

Date 9/2/66

To:

☐ Director

FILE BS 100 32899

Att.:

☒ SAC SAN ANTONIO Title

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring file | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare tickler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call me | <input type="checkbox"/> Recharge serials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct | <input type="checkbox"/> Return assignment card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Return file |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline passed | <input type="checkbox"/> Return serials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and return |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue | <input type="checkbox"/> See me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedite | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Serials _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> File | to _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For information | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit new charge out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handle | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit report by _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leads need attention | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return with explanation or notation as to action taken. | |

Attached is FD-306 dated 9/2/66 concerning
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It is to be noted that [redacted]
and both he, [redacted] and [redacted]
the [redacted]

- 1 - 100-9774 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-9784 (DCA) (pg. 1)
- 1 - 100-7232 [redacted] (ALL PGS.) [redacted]
- 1 - 100-9884 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-9899 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-10145 (VWAC)
- ① - 100-9455 (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY) (pg. 1)
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- 1 - 100-7631 (CP ORGANIZATION) (pg.4,5)
- 1 - 100-242 Sub. 2 (SECURITY MEASURES) Pg.5
- 1 - 100-9823 [REDACTED] (pg.6 (CARLSON)
- 1 - 100-9378 [REDACTED]
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San Antonio, Texas
August 19, 1966

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on August 19, 1966,

[redacted]

[redacted] was observed entering the residence of

[redacted] at [redacted]

and observed talking to [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]



It is to be noted that [redacted] had previously obtained 10 copies of a book, "For a Radical Change -- The Communist View," by Gus Hall, which is a "report and concluding remarks to the 18th National Convention,

Communist Party, USA, June 22-26, 1966." This was
published by New Outlook Publishers, New York, 1966.

Copy of this document attached hereto.





At approximately 9:00 p.m., [redacted] left
[redacted] residence, telling [redacted] that he would contact
him later about arrangements for the [redacted] meeting
of the CP.

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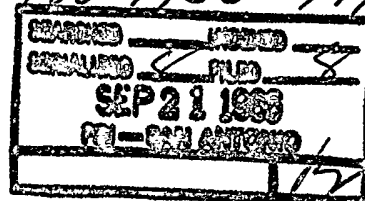
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- 1 - 100-10112 (18th National CP Convention) Pg.2
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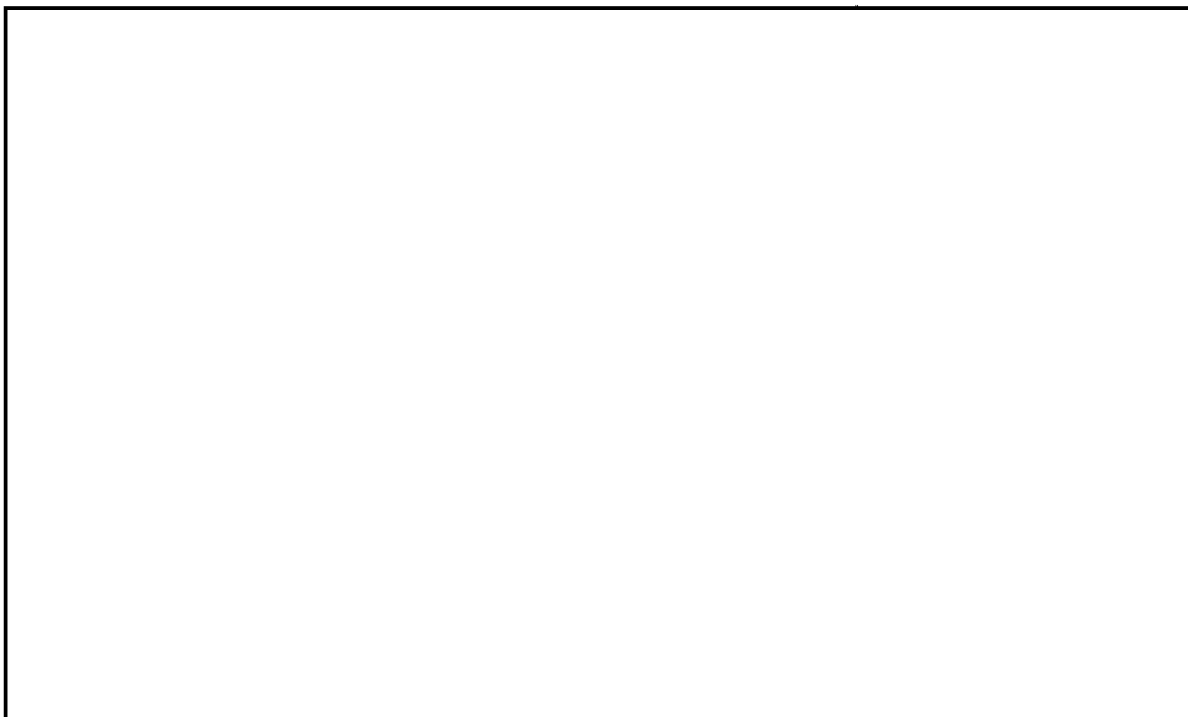
San Antonio, Texas
August 20, 1966

On August 18, 1966, [] was observed
driving to the [] and talking
to [] the owner of the [] and []

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At approximately 9:00 p.m., the meeting broke up.

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Brief description of activity or material [redacted] receives letter from [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, which enclosed pamphlet issued by American Opinion.		File where original is located if not attached [redacted]
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 1 - 100-10145 (VWAC OF SAN ANTONIO)
 1 - 62-3226 (PROPOSED MARCH FROM RIO GRANDE CITY)
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San Antonio, Texas
August 15, 1966

On or about August 13, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] received in the U. S.
mail a letter postmarked August 12, 1966, with the rubber-
stamped return address of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Enclosed in this letter was a pamphlet entitled,
"The Grapes," with the sub-title of "Communist Wrath in
Delano," by Gary Allen, which was a reprint from the June,
1966, issue of American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts
02178.

The above-mentioned envelope and contents are
attached hereto.

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] has attended meetings
of the [REDACTED]
which is an organization helping to sponsor the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Brief description of activity or material

[redacted] and [redacted] visit

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San Antonio, Texas
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At approximately 6:45 p.m., on October 4, 1966,

[redacted] group interested in
forming a [redacted] chapter in
San Antonio, drove to the residence of [redacted] at

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San Antonio, Texas
November 4, 1966

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on November 4, 1966,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] met for a CP club meeting at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The group then was observed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

where they had a CP meeting.

The first point on the agenda for this meeting,
which was chaired by [REDACTED] was education.

[] led the educational dealing with the differences between China and Russia. [] went into a long dissertation regarding the fact that some of the differences are that Red China will not deal with a capitalist country and The Soviet Union will; and that Red China wants to fight wars while the Russians do not.

[] stated that the Soviet Union is right and correct regarding their differences with Red China.

It is to be noted that [] dissertation was long and rambling and some of the members fell asleep.

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[] remarked that it was not the Chinese working class that is speaking out against the Communist Party. It is, however, the middle class that wants to destroy the Communist Party.

[] continued in a rambling fashion and after some time apologized for speaking so long.

The next point on the agenda was the elections which was led by []

[redacted] pointed out that since there were not candidates on a national level which had great differences of opinion, it was his position that they should concentrate more and more on candidates on a local level. [redacted] agreed and spoke out in favor of the election of Senator Tower instead of Waggoner Carr, his oponent, stating that Carr was a Stooge of Governor of Texas John Connally, and that a vote for Tower was an anti-vote against Carr.

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[redacted] disagreed, stating that it appeared to him that [redacted] was for Tower. [redacted] stated that in his opinion it was the lesser of two evils.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] went on to explain that there is not too much difference in the California race, that Ronald Reagan and Governor Pat Brown are about the same. He stated one is just as bad as the other.

[redacted] disagreed, stating that Dorothy Healey told [redacted] that Governor Brown was much better than Reagan. [redacted] stated that he could not agree, [redacted]

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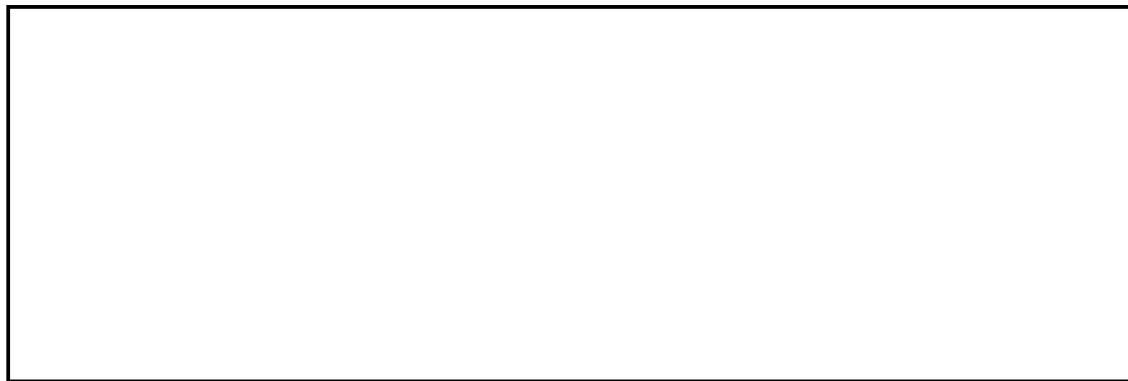
The next point on the agenda was the McCarran Act and [] reported that the Hall-Davis Defense Committee needs money desperately. He stated that they should send as much money as possible.

The next point on the agenda was The Worker, and [] reported that they only had [] subscriptions locally to The Worker and three or four of these were going to members of the John Birch Society. He stated

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that it was necessary to increase their subscriptions.





Next on the agenda was dues.

[REDACTED]

The next point on the agenda was the next meeting which they agreed was to be held November 18, 1966, at 7:30 p.m., at [REDACTED]. The educational will be led by [REDACTED] and will be in connection with the results of the national and local elections.

The next point on the agenda was literature and various pieces of literature were sold. [REDACTED] bought a copy of "Vietnam North" by Wilfred G. Burchett, published by International Publishers.

At approximately 9:55 p.m., the meeting adjourned

[REDACTED]

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ALL POINTS OF VIEW
INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)

On March 5, 1968, Mrs. EDGAR UHL, also known as JOSEPHINE UHL, also known as Mrs. J. UHL, 407 Vanderbilt, San Antonio, Texas, LE 2-6817, who was born December 24, 1908, was interviewed. It is to be noted that Mrs. UHL was interviewed at her request. She had telephonically contacted the San Antonio Office of the FBI and desired to speak to an agent. She was interviewed at her residence by the writer.

Mrs. UHL explained that she has a heart condition and is bedridden most of the time. Her husband is a retired building manager who used to manage the Brady Building.

Mrs. UHL advised that she is extremely anti-Communist. Some time ago she received some communist literature through the mail which had been sent her by an outfit known as All Points of View, P.O. Box 1321, San Antonio, Texas. This material requested that the receiver subscribe to The Worker. Mrs. UHL stated that she did subscribe to The Worker, stating that her only interest was to see what the "commies" are doing.

Mrs. UHL stated that in discussing this with her neighbor, [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] recommended to Mrs. UHL that Mrs. UHL go on record with the FBI regarding the fact that she, Mrs. UHL, was subscribing to The Worker and the reason that she was subscribing to The Worker. Mrs. UHL stated that she wanted to make it extremely clear that she only subscribed to the Worker because of her interest to see what the "commies" are doing. She stated that she wanted to go on record with the FBI that she was extremely anti-communist and that she did subscribe to The Worker.

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Mrs. UHL was advised that her information will be made a matter of record in the files of the San Antonio Division of the FBI.

Mrs. UHL stated that her subscription to The WORKER is addressed to Mrs. J. UHL, 407 Vanderbilt, San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. UHL indicated that she recently wrote [] a letter, seeking some material that he was advertising and she wanted to go on record with the FBI that she had written the letter. Mrs. UHL volunteered that [] is a member of the John Birch Society and is extremely upset about some of the material being printed by the clergy of the Methodist Church. According to Mrs. UHL, [] feels that it is communistic or is very liberal.

Mrs. UHL attempted to contact [] so that the writer could talk to [] however, [] was not at home. Mrs. UHL stated that she would contact [] and if [] wanted to talk to an FBI Agent, she, Mrs. UHL would have her contact the writer.

The above is set forth for record purposes.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

DATE: 3/23/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/19/68, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was
presently employed by the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
appeared at the San Antonio Office of the FBI and
furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] indicated that he formerly was a
[REDACTED] from 6/62 to 6/63,
when he resigned.

He stated at the present time he is employed
by the [REDACTED] and travels
considerably. Recently he was in Hondo, Texas, and
talked to an individual by the name of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Hondo, Texas. According to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] gave him a copy of American Opinion which
[REDACTED] indicated was a John Birch Society publication.

[REDACTED] stated that he was not impressed with
some of the statements made by [REDACTED] and the thing
that troubled him the most was the fact that [REDACTED]
apparently is a member of a study group that studies
Communism. The statement that bothered [REDACTED] was that
money controls the activities of the U. S. Government.

[REDACTED] questioned [REDACTED] as to whether
or not [REDACTED] was a member of the John Birch Society
and [REDACTED] stated he was not.

[REDACTED] could not give any other specific info
except that he felt that the Bureau should be aware of
[REDACTED]

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It is to be noted that indices of the San Antonio Division contain no identifiable records regarding [redacted] apparently identical with [redacted] (67-6049) and it is to be noted that San Antonio letter to Bureau 3/24/67, indicated that [redacted]

No action recommended and above submitted for record purposes.

San Antonio, Texas

June 25, 1968

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On June 23, 1968, [redacted] disabled World War II veteran and [redacted] contacted the San Antonio Office of the FBI and made available the following information:

[redacted] Bexar County American Party, which has as its national candidate George Wallace, the former governor of Alabama. [redacted] almost immediately [redacted] by the supporters of George Wallace in Bexar County was invited to a presentation leading to membership in the John Birch Society. Also invited to this presentation was [redacted] a college graduate and a young businessman. Neither of the [redacted] [redacted] joined the John Birch Society, although their membership had been solicited.

Subsequent to the above events, the raising of funds for the Wallace campaign in Bexar County was undertaken and [redacted] of the Bexar County American Party, soon discovered that without any authority [redacted] the [redacted] of the American Party, was giving directions to the fund raisers to divide the funds two ways, half to him and half to the Bexar County organization. [redacted] stated it was notable that [redacted] is a member of the John Birch Society.

[redacted] also discerned through recent activities at the Fort Worth State Convention of the American Party on June 8, 1968, that a definite attempt was being made by elements of the John Birch Society in the State of Texas to take over and control and run the whole of the American Party operation regardless of the parliamentary proceedings.

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In this connection [] cited that prior to that June 8, 1968, convention at Fort Worth instructions had been given to obtain notarized certification of the duly appointed delegates. [] stated that he had complied accordingly and forwarded such delegates, but at the Fort Worth convention [] and others appeared to have nominated other individuals. It was [] suspicion that these persons were also members of the John Birch Society.

[] cited the above as a possible attempt on the part of [] as a John Birch Society member to sabotage the hopes and expectations of George Wallace's supporters in Texas, even though [] is [] of the American Party in Texas.

[] additionally advised upon interview at [] on June 23, 1968, [] documents seemingly having their origin with elements of the John Birch Society giving procedures for the American Party promotion of votes. [] his observation of these documents that the John Birch Society was attempting to take over and steam roller the American Party campaign where ever it could.

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[] noted that the principal national promotional official in George Wallace's retinue is one [] who is well known as an active and prominent member of the John Birch Society.

[] on June 24, 1968, additionally advised that the John Birch Society members who are supporters of George Wallace in San Antonio had on June 24, 1968, served notice on the Bexar County Headquarters of the American Party that they were severing their support of that office and forming a splinter group to advance the cause of the American Party in Bexar County.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are nine copies of an LHM setting forth information concerning captioned organization.

The information contained in LHM was obtained from [redacted] and disabled war veteran, [redacted] [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, who telephonically contacted the San Antonio FBI Office on 6/23/68. This is being furnished to the Bureau for such informational value as it may have.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

September 25, 1968

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[REDACTED]

Commencing on September 19, 1968, and continuing through September 22, 1968, [REDACTED] voluntarily furnished the following information to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he first got into the Student Left Movement at [REDACTED] and since that time had been a member of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), the DuBois Clubs of America (DCA), and the Communist Party (CP).

[REDACTED] stated that in approximately [REDACTED] he dropped out of active participation in the above organizations. In connection with this, he stated that he originally

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joined the Student Left and above-mentioned organizations in order to fight for civil rights equality. At the time he joined four years ago the SDS was to have been an enlightening organization and since that time he has seen what the goals of the SDS and other mentioned organizations actually are. Because the goals of the above-named organizations are not his goals for life, freedom, and democracy, he has dropped out of them. The start of the change in his attitude was occasioned by the killing during a robbery attempt of George Vizard, a former leader of the SDS in Austin, Texas. He stated that at the time of the death of George Vizard he tried to make himself believe that it was a political killing even though all evidence pointed to a simple robbery attempt, which he came to recognize. Additionally, the deaths of Martin Luther King and Senator Robert F. Kennedy earlier this year had caused him to rationalize his views as to his actual beliefs, as well as the motives of the above-mentioned organizations.

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that he wants to do something to see that this "insanity" is thwarted. By "insanity" he was referring to the activities of the SDS toward violence and the turn which the Black Nationalists have taken toward urban guerrilla warfare, which he described as primarily terror attacks on police and local citizens. Another aspect of this "insanity" was the encouragement of American youth [redacted] to go to Chicago during the Democratic National Convention. The youth did not know the real purpose for the trip to Chicago, which, according to [redacted] was to create violence. In this connection, [redacted] stated that the SDS is a wierd, fascist-type organization which is interested only in power for themselves by whatever means are necessary, and this is in opposition to [redacted] views

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[redacted]
inasmuch as he wants democracy and freedom of movement and trust in all of his activities.

[redacted] stated that he tried from within each organization of which he was a member to direct them in his line of thinking as a rational and enlightening approach toward equality and civil rights and domestic matters along this line. He stated recently he has had little effect in the SDS and no effect in the CP in the [redacted] vicinity.

In this connection he stated there is no part of the SDS worth saving, [redacted] that, has any of the original goals as he knew them, and that this is the last place that a trend in SDS activities reaches. The SDS activities have been open in the [redacted] vicinity.

To his way of thinking, [redacted] stated the CP is not worth saving.

[redacted]
[redacted] In this connection, he stated dues varied from fifty cents to \$20 per month, and that this is based on a graduated wage scale according to the individual.

[redacted] stated to his knowledge the following people have been, or are, members of the Communist Party:

[redacted]
George Vizard (deceased)
[redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] (phonetic) (last name unknown, but described as an elderly couple)
[redacted]
[redacted]

Dallas, Texas:

Joe Landin (phonetic) (an elderly man who dropped out in April, 1967)

Concerning the resignation of [redacted] stated he had wanted to talk to [redacted] before [redacted] wrote the letter of resignation and prevent [redacted] from submitting the letter of resignation inasmuch as, to his knowledge, the Communist Party has used letters of resignation for blackmail purposes against the persons who have submitted them.

[redacted] stated he was recruited into the Communist Party, as well as to the Students for a Democratic Society, by [redacted] the latter of which he joined in the [redacted]
[redacted]

In connection with the Communist Party, he stated the primary aim was to set up the W.E.B. DuBois Club at [redacted] [redacted] but this was never successful. He described the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs as a broad-base socialist youth organization. The second aim of the CP was its influence in the SDS, and in this connection George Vizard, supra, was more successful.

George Vizard, [redacted]

[redacted] joined the SDS at approximately the same time,

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[redacted]
[redacted] training school in upstate New York during which, in his opinion, the ideology was primarily a divergence of opinion between the Student Left and the Communist Party. In connection with the orientation camp, the bills for the operation of the camp were paid for by the Communist Party and the travel of individuals to this orientation were paid for by the Regional Offices of the CP. In his opinion, most of the expenses were not financed by dues, but primarily by contributions, possibly from some people outside the Communist Party. There were approximately one hundred and fifty people at the orientation which lasted approximately a week, and in his way of thinking, was fairly expensive. The following individuals were present:

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
CP instructors included:

Hy Lumer
Gil Green
Henry Winston

[redacted] the above orientation camp, [redacted] attempts to set up a DuBois Club at [redacted] "fell on their face". Additionally, [redacted] tried to set up an SDS chapter in [redacted] supra, did not agree to this and did not support [redacted] in this attempt. However, an SDS chapter was set up in [redacted] but it fell apart shortly afterwards.

George Vizard had a lot to do with the University Free Speech Movement and both the SDS, as well as the Free Speech Movement, received a "shot in the arm" when Vizard was arrested in the Chuck Wagon, a local eating establishment.

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[redacted]
At approximately this time, [redacted]
to try to crystallize the situation of the SDS and break
the radical followers from the liberal followers.

During the summer of 1967 the second and last
attempt to organize the DuBois Club chapter at [redacted]
[redacted] was attempted. [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] This occurred shortly before George Vizard
was shot and killed.

The killing of Vizard had the effect that they,
the CP and the DuBois Clubs of America, would try to utilize
it as a "political killing", [redacted] began to feel that
the CP was making a martyr of Vizard, even on a national
level as well as on a state level, and that the information
released by the CP was almost wide-open fabrication without
disclosing the real facts of the killing.

During the summer of 1967 there were two summer
projects: one of which was the Vietnam summer project, and
the other was the New Left politics, [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] stated the CP would state that they wanted to hear your ideas, that is, the ideas of the youth, the people joining the DCA and the SDS, but the CP would not follow any of the ideas or suggestions presented by the youth. As far as he could see, there was no change in the ideological aspects of the party, but there were changes only for expediencies. In the latter connection, he has heard the CP has been in continuous session in New York City in connection with the Czechoslovakia and Russia confrontation.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated it is rumored all vestiges of international unity as far as the CP are gone and this is primarily in relation to the youth. He stated there is no pro-Soviet sympathy among the younger members of the CP and they are dropping out of activities like flies. He stated the CP expected the youth in the United States to follow the student lead in France and Germany.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He believes there is more activity in [REDACTED] than anywhere else in the state in connection with SDS, SNCC, and other liberal and Left Wing activities. In connection with SNCC, [REDACTED] stated SNCC and the Black Nationalist group lines seem to be almost the same thing. Along this line there is a black culture meeting held in [REDACTED] which was primarily devoted to the reading of poetry. Approximately two hundred, mostly students, attended this meeting. [REDACTED] stated he did

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[redacted]
not recall the date of this meeting, but it was some time during the past year.

In connection with activities at [redacted]
[redacted] he stated there was an anti-war committee at [redacted] which is comprised mostly of Left liberal individuals and most of them are not radical.

In connection with the SDS, [redacted] stated they are split down the middle with the anarchists on one side and the Progressive Labor Party on the other side.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated deserter rings and draft resistance circles within the Army are primarily carried on by Troskyist followers. In this connection, he stated that the Socialist Workers Party is not highly interested in deserter rings, but wants connections on a legal plane in the Army. He stated [redacted] was a member of the Socialist Workers Party who was interested in some

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respects in deserter rings.

[REDACTED] stated as far as he knows Spartacist group which he described as a splinter of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) is primarily involved. He stated they are reasonably prominent in their activities and he referred to them as being fanatical.

Concerning the Socialist Workers Party, [REDACTED] stated the political thrust in connection with the Army is to set up a store or coffee shop near a military installation and also to push enlisted men's unions.

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] worked for Spartacist in New York. [REDACTED] was always a rigid adherent to rules and his [REDACTED] came as somewhat of a surprise to [REDACTED] advocated that an individual should wait until he was drafted, enter the service, and then agitate from within. This belief was a Spartacist aim espoused by [REDACTED] and according to [REDACTED] the Spartacist organization does not advocate desertion.

[REDACTED]

Concerning Spartacist members in the Army, [REDACTED] believes that [REDACTED] supra. is involved with the British group which is headed by [REDACTED] and that it is his opinion the key to the deserter rings is to find Spartacist members within the Army.

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Concerning SDS sponsored activities in the [redacted] area, [redacted] believes the Maoist Faction of the SDS has some plans for this coming fall, but it is primarily structured propaganda. He stated the anarchist group of the SDS gives to destructive ideas, but they are very poor on planning. However, they are in fairly good shape to jump into anything spontaneously.

[redacted] stated the anti-war committee at [redacted] [redacted] has a march planned for some time in the near future [redacted] which movement will be peaceful. [redacted] doubts that anyone wanting violence could get a hand from this group. He stated there is no overlap between the SDS and the anti-war committee.

In connection with the Progressive Labor Party, [redacted] stated there may or may not be members of that organization in [redacted] [redacted] stated [redacted] told him two were sent to California for indoctrination, but [redacted] does not know who was sent. In connection with this, [redacted] stated there is a group in the SDS who are Friends of Progressive Labor. According to [redacted] the PLP rarely recruits students because results of student activities by PLP members in the past have been disastrous. Groups such as the Friends of Progressive Labor have wanted to take over the SDS. This [redacted] believes to be impossible because members of the SDS like a moderate amount of discussion whereas the source of PLP power in the SDS is because the PLP is disciplined.

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[redacted] became disgusted with the SWP and dropped out after he realized that he was being used as a tool of the organization.

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[REDACTED] stated he has no sympathy with the politics of the Communist Party and he can no longer support communism. He believes he will always be a non-conformist, but he does not want to be destructive and prefers to live a free life.

In connection with the above, he stated the politics of the New Left is now annihilation, and that it could end up with a situation where the civil liberties and freedom of everyone could be curtailed as the result of the activities of a few people. [REDACTED] believes violence breeds violence and that this could snowball to the point of denying all freedom and civil liberties to citizens of the United States. [REDACTED] stated that he wants to prevent violence.

[REDACTED] stated that he agrees with the goals of the Negro freedom and equality, but not with the violent means of obtaining it.

[REDACTED] stated that what the SDS and the New Left say and do about war in Vietnam, they do so without the knowledge of what they are doing nor with a knowledge of the effect of their activities and without full knowledge of the background concerning the war in Vietnam.

[REDACTED] believes that the greatest number of radicals can be found in the Liberal Arts College and that liberal arts majors do not become acquainted with the technical functioning of society.

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week's vacation to Taos, New Mexico. There was nothing significant about this trip. Taos seems to be the center of people a few years older than himself who are primarily artists and hippie types.

[redacted] stated he knows of no other either Left or Extreme Right type organizations in the [redacted] vicinity,

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The Daily Worker

The Daily Worker was formerly an East Coast Communist newspaper.

National Guardian

"Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a 'progressive' weekly. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, "Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell," August 25, 1956, P. 12)

Characterizations of the following organizations are contained in the Appendix hereto:

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
W.E.B. DUBOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA
PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY
SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
SPARTACIST
MINUTEMEN

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"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960. Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri. Robert B. DePugh, Norborne, Missouri, has been publicly identified as the National Coordinator of the organization. DePugh has stated the membership of the "Minutemen" to be in excess of 35,000 members, however, confidential sources state this figure is greatly exaggerated and that a more true estimate would be between 800 and 2,000 members. Statements by DePugh and literature distributed by the organization indicate its purpose to be the resistance to, and exposure of, the spread of Communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

The Kansas City Star newspaper has on numerous occasions contained articles concerning the "Minutemen", wherein it was stated that members of the organization participate in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics with machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms. DePugh has publicly stated the "Minutemen" as an organization does not buy or store arms or ammunition; however, individual members are urged to maintain arms and ammunition, which is their constitutional right. "Minutemen" has given instructions in the use of explosive compounds from such readily accessible ingredients as common fertilizer, ammonium nitrate. Robert DePugh, along with his close associate [REDACTED] and Troy Haughton, West Coast Regional Coordinator, were convicted in U.S. District Court of violation of the Federal Firearms Act. All were sentenced to prison and all are free on bond pending their appeals to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, St. Louis, Missouri. b6 b7C

On October 30, 1966, the New York City Police Department arrested 19 members of the "Minutemen", charging them with "conspiracy to commit arson", and "illegal possession of firearms". An inventory of firearms seized as a result of these arrests included 115 rifles, 26 handguns, 8 automatic weapons, 3 bazookas, 2 mortars, 1 anti-tank gun and an unknown quantity of ammunition.

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In April, 1966, DePugh stated the "Minutemen" organization was then dividing itself into two bodies: One group to be members who have been able to maintain their identity in complete secrecy from the public and government investigative agencies, and the other group to be made up of members who have been publicly identified and who will become active in the Patriotic Party. The first group will go completely underground and will continue to emphasize intelligence activities and resistance warfare training programs. The first national convention of the Patriotic Party was held July 3 and 4, 1966, at Kansas City, Missouri, with DePugh acting as chairman. About 300 individuals attended this convention. The second annual convention of the Patriotic Party was held July 2, 3, & 4, 1967, Kansas City, Kansas, with approximately 240 persons attending. DePugh resigned as National Chairman at the convention, however, he stated he would continue in an advisory capacity. The delegates, at DePugh's urging, endorsed former governor of Alabama, George Wallace, and William Penn Patrick, millionaire cosmetics manufacturer of San Rafael, California, as president and vice president candidates in the 1968 elections.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the Progressive Labor Party (PLP), formerly known as the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM), held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York City, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP would have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

"The New York Times," City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary Socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as Milton Rosen, New York, President, and William Epton of New York and Mort Scheer of San Francisco, Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the Party until the next convention.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. Rosen and Mr. Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party, USA, for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "Challenge," a monthly New York City newspaper; and "Spark," a west coast newspaper.

The April, 1967, issue of "Challenge," page 14, states that "This paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life--where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government of every level."

A second source advised on September 26, 1966, that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY -
NEW YORK LOCAL

A source stated on August 25, 1960, that the New York Local (NYL) of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was founded during 1938 in New York City.

A second confidential source stated on April 8, 1964, that the NYL was affiliated with and followed the aims and purposes of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SPARTACIST LEAGUE (SL)
Formerly known as The REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE
OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

A source advised on September 9, 1965, that the Revolutionary Committee of the Fourth International (RCFI) was also known as the Spartacist Committee and the Spartacist Group. The source described the RCFI as being composed of former members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) who were led by [REDACTED]

A second source advised on March 4, 1964, that FARRELL DOBBS, National Secretary of the SWP, sent a letter to all SWP branches in February 1964 in which he advised that [REDACTED] announced on February 10, 1964, that his faction would publicly criticize the SWP and had followed this with a public organ call "Spartacist" in which they attacked the SWP.

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A third source advised on September 7, 1966, that the RCFI held a Founders' Conference of the Spartacist League (SL) at Chicago, Illinois, from September 3-5, 1966. On September 4, 1966, it was stated that the objective of the SL was to destroy the capitalist system and the capitalist society and create a workers' class system and a workers' class society.

The May-June, 1967, issue of "Spartacist" discloses it is published by the Central Committee of the Spartacist League.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students For A Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June 1962.

The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community and provide for its complete control by students.

Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us."

At the June 1965 SDS National Convention an anti-communist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization, as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September 1966 that [redacted] CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September 1966 that [redacted] CPUSA National Organization Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries, and Marxism, and in April 1967 advised that Gus Hall, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA's primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September 1967 that [redacted] was elected Chairman of the DCA on September 19, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, N. Y., from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August 1967 that [redacted] is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau 9/23/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM;
 for New York 11 copies; for Dallas 6 copies; for Houston
 3 copies; and for Memphis, San Francisco, New Orleans, and
 Chicago 2 copies each.

In enclosed LHM subject makes reference to a FRANK
 and MILA (phonetic) (LNU). Apparently, he is referring to
 JAMES and MELA SAGER, both of whom are Security Index subjects
 of the San Antonio Office.

Dissemination of the LHM is being made to Secret
 Service, San Antonio and Austin; OSI; NISO; and 112th MI
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Subject stated he is willing to furnish any informa-
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 gathering agency. In this connection, subject used word
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to inform or to stand up and make a public speech, and he does not like the latter inasmuch as it would call attention to him.

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Subject was interviewed on a continuing basis from 9/19/68 through 9/22/68 by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] [redacted] and SA [redacted]

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10/14/68

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AMERICAN OPINION BOOK STORE
1237 Basse Road
San Antonio, Texas 78212
Telephone: 341-2091
INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)

On 10/14/68, this office received in the mail an envelope postmarked 10/12/68, address to [REDACTED] a manila envelope with the above return address thereon.

Enclosed in the manila envelope was a document captioned, "A CROSS SECTION OF THE TRUTH."

This document also contained a bibliography carrying such publications as The Politician by WELCH; What They Are Doing to our Children, by RAFFERTY; The Invisible Government by SMOOT; and Masters of Deceit by HOOVER. It is to be noted that the above individuals are believed to be ROBERT WELCH, founder of the John Birch Society; MAX RAFFERTY, former Superintendent of Public Education of California, now a candidate from California for the U.S. Senate; DAN SMOOT, a conservative newscaster; and former Bureau Agent from Dallas, Texas; and the Director.

This document is published by the Review of the News, Belmont, Massachusetts.

This material is probably John Birch Society material.

On 10/14/68, [REDACTED] Bell Telephone Company, advised that telephone company records reflect that 341-2091 is listed for the American Opinion Book Store, 1237 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas, and the bill is to be sent to the Alamo Opinion Ink, Inc. Indices of the San Antonio Division are negative regarding the Alamo Opinion Ink, Inc.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)

On 2/26/69, this office received, in the mail, an envelope postmarked 2/25/69 at San Antonio, Texas, addressed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The return address on the envelope was [REDACTED]

Enclosed in the envelope was a ditto copy of a letter dated 2/24 signed by [REDACTED] (phone No. OR 4-4483). This letter also carried the name of [REDACTED]

The letter points out that last month a CIRM mailing was sent out which included monthly reprints. The letter indicates that they hope the recipient likes them.

Also enclosed in the letter was a document entitled, "THE BETRAYED," apparently published by American Opinion, which had the rubber-stamped notation as being from the American Opinion Bookstore, 1237 Basse Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78212. Telephone No. 341-2091.

Also enclosed was a document which announced that Brig. General ROBERT L. SCOTT, JR., would speak at the Nimitz Junior High School Auditorium, 3/22/69 and that his speech was being sponsored by the San Antonio TRAIN Committee, 708 Everest, San Antonio, Texas.

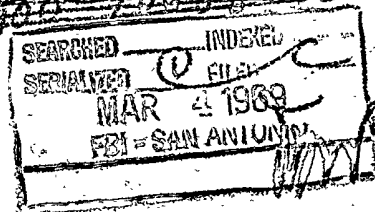
It is believed that the word TRAIN refers to "TO
"RESTORE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE NOW."

It is suggested that the attached be filed in the 1A section of 100-10688.

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San Antonio, Texas
September 11, 1969

Federal Bureau Of Investigation
615 E. Houston St.
San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

Recently I mailed a copy of the enclosed article [redacted]
[redacted] to the Ku Klux Klan in Houston (PO Box 16312, zip
code 77022).

In the article [redacted] opinion that the Klan, Nazis,
Minutemen, etc., are part and parcel of the same coalition,
and that this coalition is controlled by the same people who
run the "left" radicals.

In yesterday's mail, I received a copy of the Nazi newspaper,
"white Power", in the enclosed envelope.

It would seem to point out that whoever has access to the Klan
box in Houston is also connected with the Nazi movement, or
that even in Houston both groups are run by the same people.

There were no comments or other material accompanying the
newspaper.

If you would desire any other material I receive I would be
more than glad to send it to you.

Respectfully,
[redacted]

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433 Federal Building
P. O. Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas 78206

September 17, 1969



Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of September 11, 1969.

I appreciate the thought which prompted you
to call this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

J. MYERS COLE
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed for HO is a document entitled, "ONE MAN'S AGONY," by ROBERT C. MOORE; an envelope postmarked Houston, Texas, 9/9/69 from [redacted] addressed to [redacted] in [redacted] a Xerox copy of a letter dated 9/11/69 addressed to the FBI, San Antonio, by [redacted] and a copy of my letter to [redacted] dated 9/17/69, all of which are self-explanatory.

For the information of HO, indices of the San Antonio Division reflect that [redacted] is a prolific letterwriter and appears to be connected with the John Birch Society.

The enclosures are being forwarded to HO for any action deemed appropriate.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205

July 24, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

Last night for the third time in about a year and a half, someone painted a large so-called peace symbol on the Northwest Military Highway, in Shavano Park. About a year or two ago, an orange colored peace symbol was painted in the right hand lane of the highway as you go out toward Camp Bullis.

About 5 days ago someone either repainted this sign a bright pink or perhaps they painted a completely new sign.

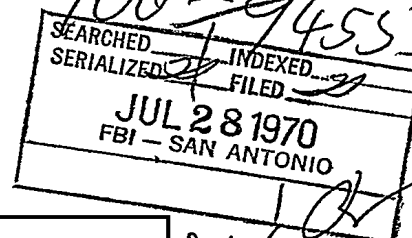
Then last night apparently someone painted a large white sign covering the entirety of the highway. All three of these signs were painted on the highway within Shavano Park and are no doubt meant to be seen by anyone traveling north.

There have been other incidents of peace symbols painting within Shavano Park and I have a little more information on the subject if you would care to contact me personally.

I enclose a copy of a publication appearing in American Opinion Magazine called Peace Symbols - The Truth About Those Strange Designs.

Sincerely,
[Redacted]

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PEACE SYMBOLS

The Truth About Those Strange Designs

■ IN ALL of their public commentaries the Communists employ what they call "Aesopian language," enabling them to communicate freely with one another without alarming the target population in whose midst they operate. It is this coded Marxist jargon with which the Communist leadership lays down the ever-changing vagaries of the Party Line.

The technique dates from the early days of the Russian Revolution. *International Affairs*, an official publication of the Communist Party, U.S.A., quotes Vladimir Lenin as referring to "that cursed 'Aesopian' language — to which Tsarism forced revolutionaries to have recourse whenever they took up their pens in order to undertake a 'legal' work . . ." Joseph Stalin noted: "A legally published newspaper could not call openly for the overthrow . . . It had to resort to hints, which, however, the class-conscious workers [Communists] understood very well, and which they explained to the masses."

In *Language As A Communist Weapon*, Professor Stefan Possony explains how the Communists code their revolutionary terms to deceive gullible non-Communists. He correctly observes that "The deception of the non-Communist world is; of course, a main objective of their language manipulations . . . Non-Communists are easily deceived, because they rarely bother to get full Communist quotes, usually misunderstand their context, and hardly ever master the Communist jargon."

Professor James D. Bales explains in his valuable *Dictionary Of Communist English* that, as early as the Seventh World Congress of the Comintern (Communist International) at Moscow, special attention was given to avoiding the use of "sectarian language." The object, says Dr. Bales, was to create a jargon for revolutionaries which would be pleasing to non-Communist ears while at the same time conveying revolutionary commands to the Communists. As Dr. Possony notes: "Every Communist communication must convey an orthodox, that is, revolutionary activating message to the Party and its followers. This same communication must convey a different, i.e., soothing, pacifying, and paralysing message to the opponent of Communism."

Symbols, too, are a part of this "Aesopian" code. The Communists know, as Arnold Whittick comments in *Symbols, Signs And Their Meaning*, that "Communication depends on the symbolism of language, and thus man becomes aware of another's thoughts by means of symbols . . . All social and economic activities are carried on by means of symbols; the various offshoots and adjuncts of language, like numbers and money, make this apparent. Religious worship and government, too, are dependent on them. A.N. Whitehead, in his valuable book (*Symbolism: Its Meaning And Effect*) shows that society is held together by acceptance of, and reverence for, its symbols."

The reverse of this is also true. A society can be attacked by the undermining or

perversion or destruction of its symbols. An obvious example is the public burning of American flags by the revolutionary Marxists who flaunt the tri-colored banners of the Communist Vietcong. Several years ago, you will recall, members of a team of saboteurs belonging to the Communist Revolutionary Action Movement were arrested as they moved to dynamite such symbols of our American heritage as the Statue of Liberty, the Old North Bridge, and the Liberty Bell.

The Communists seek to replace traditional American symbols with those of their own design. Which is why they employ symbolism as a part of their "Aesopian" code.



Radicals gathered at Washington to burn an American flag and replace it with their own symbol — the flag of the Communist Vietcong.

Thus Communist symbols exhibit both exoteric and esoteric meanings. That sounds a little heady, let's break it down more simply. *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* defines *exoteric* as "suitable to be imparted to the public; readily comprehensible; publicly known." That which is *esoteric*, says *Webster's*, is "designed for or understood by the specially initiated alone . . . confined or limited to a small circle."

Socialist conspirators have long made a habit of using ostensibly innocent, and previously positive, symbols as a part of their trappings. An obvious example is the use of the swastika by Adolf Hitler's National Socialist Party. Hateful as this insignia now is in the West, H.T. Morgan writes in *Chinese Symbols And Superstitions* that traditionally "The Swastika . . . is considered an efficacious charm." Arnold Whittick notes that "The importance of the swastika in the history of symbolism is second to none. In ancient times it was employed in most countries

and in various religions from Western Europe to India and China. It was an ancient symbol of revival and prosperity. In Sanskrit it means 'well being.' Hitler referred to the swastika as that symbol of resurrection, of the revival of national life."

Clearly, the socialist Herr Hitler sought to capitalize on an ancient insignia known throughout the world as a positive symbol.

Yet another socialist movement of this period was that of Benito Mussolini and his Fascists in Italy. You will remember that the symbol he chose for his socialist Party was the *fascis* — the Roman symbol of authority — from which the Fascists derived their name. It was a symbol so common that it was for years used on the reverse of America's Mercury-head dime.

The Fascists, Nazis, and Communists have all used such symbolism in their propaganda. As socialists, they have much in common. Even as late as February 5, 1941, Adolf Hitler boasted in a speech that, "basically, National Social-

ism and Communism are the same.” *

We have touched on only a few of the socialist symbols. There are many others. In its issue for October 10, 1969, *Life* magazine published a thirteen-page article on “Revolution.” Little more than radical propaganda, the piece was preceded by a foldout of a red flag, long a symbol of revolutionary socialism. Tracing socialist incendiaryism from the French Revolution of 1789 to the Bolshevik takeover of Russia in 1917, *Life* comments that at Paris in 1871, thousands of revolutionaries “repudiated the settlement and the new government itself, unfurled the red flag of socialism† over city hall and proclaimed an independent Commune. . . . The most practical among them were socialists from Karl Marx’s International”



Photo from front page of Communist *Daily World* pushes “peace” sign as a religious medal.

Arnold Whittick says in *Symbols, Signs And Their Meaning* that “Red, of course, is the color of anarchy and the left wing in politics. The Red flag was used as a slogan of battle, and there is a reference to it in this sense in the *London Gazette* of 1666. This significance is clearly derived from blood”

The hammer and sickle on the red flag of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics⁹ are also important symbols. Whereas Hitler chose an ancient symbol meaning “well being” for his red flag, the Communists chose symbols with a sinister connotation. In Oliver Day Street’s *Symbolism Of The Three Degrees* (George H. Doran Company, New York, 1922) the hammer is described “as a symbol of destruction from prehistoric times.” And in *Mackey’s Encyclopedia* it is noted that the scythe “In ancient symbolism . . . was one of the attributes of Saturn [or Cronus] . . . the god of Time . . . the symbol of the power that severs the slender thread and puts an end to our existence.”

Another esoteric symbol of the international socialist movement is the “joined” or “clasped” hands — the ancient sign of the god Fides. *Mackey’s Symbolism* says this design has been used historically to denote fidelity. It is now used by the Freemasons, the A.F.L.-C.I.O., and is frequently reproduced in the Communist *Daily World* to indicate union between Comrades. This insignia is the official symbol of the Communist-controlled Student “Nonviolent” Coordinating Committee, and serves as the logo for the Trotskyite Communists’ *Workers World*.

But surely the most omnipresent symbol used currently by the international socialists is the one which we are told is a sign of “peace.” The Communists love

*The Nazi high command was, of course, riddled with Communist agents. See Walter Goerlitz, *History Of The German General Staff*, Praeger Inc., New York, 1953.

†After glossing over the butchery by the Communards of 25,000 Parisians, *Life* tells us that “in 1964, when Russia lofted three cosmonauts into space, the three talismans they took along were Marx’s portrait, Lenin’s portrait, and a ribbon from a Communard flag.”



Earth Day (Lenin's birthday) symbol desecrates the American flag. This mutant is also insignia of the subversive Women Strike for Peace.

Nuclear Disarmament. The meaning of the symbol has broadened as other groups (Committee for Non-Violent Action, Student Peace Union, American Friends Service Committee, etc.) have used it"

A less guarded commentary on the origin and meaning of this symbol appeared in *Win* magazine, an official publication of the subversive War Resisters League. On Page twenty-seven of *Win* for October 1, 1969, we read that the "Nuclear Disarmament Symbol" was "adopted immediately by Hugh Brock and Pat Arrowsmith on behalf of the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War (London) who initiated and organized the first Aldermaston March at Easter of that year [1958]." According to the authoritative *Intelligence Digest*, both Brock and Arrowsmith have for years been affiliated with Communist enterprises in Europe.

Elaborating on this theme, *Win* explains that in creating the initial design:

The first mark on paper was a white circle against a black square. This was followed by various versions of Christian crosses drawn within the white "spere" [sic] on a black background and these in turn gave way to the final ND form

Immediately following the "First March" (there had been previous small scale Aldermaston demonstrations) an ND badge version of the Symbol was devised and made by Eric Austen. Eric's researches into the origins of symbolism confirmed that the "gesture of despair" motif has been associated through ancient history with the "death of man," and the circle with the "unborn child"

Apparently the "N" and "D" were an afterthought. That explanation came later. The design is a product of careful research of ancient symbolism — especially various

"peace." You will remember that Lenin declared more than forty years ago in *The Tasks Of The Youth League* that: "As an ultimate objective, 'peace' simply means Communist world control." And the Communists are campaigning for precisely that sort of "peace." Their symbol is a part of the trappings of this scheme. Resembling a chicken track enclosed in a circle, or a swept-wing bomber in vertical flight, the "peace" insignia — like the other symbols of the international socialists — reflects what Lenin called "that cursed 'Aesopian' language."

According to the radical World Without War Council: "The Peace Action Symbol was designed on February 21, 1958 for use in the first Aldermaston Easter Peace Walk in England. The symbol is the composite semaphore signal for the letters 'N' and 'D' standing for

forms of the Christian cross. But, what these propagandists of the War Resisters League* do *not* say is that the design was adopted from one created by the infamous Bertrand Russell.

The Catholic *Denver Register* was less reticent. It says that the symbol "was designed by the English philosopher Bertrand Russell as an attempt to depict the universal convergence of peoples in an upward movement of cooperation . . ." That view is repeated in the *Pasadena Star-News* of October 24, 1968, which reports: "As a peace symbol it was first used by marchers in England, led by Lord Bertrand Russell in the late 1950s."



Communist *Militant* emphasizes Red symbols. This photograph was also featured prominently in the Communist *Daily World* and *Guardian*.

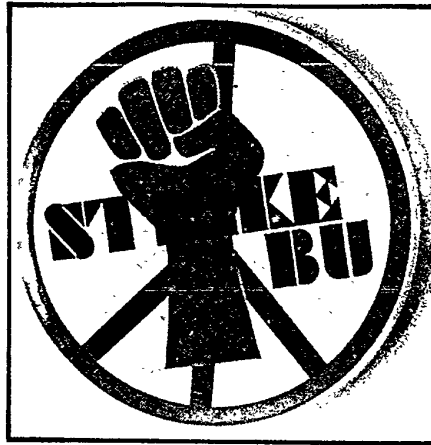
Current *Biography* provides the important facts that Russell was an active anti-Christian and that both "he and his wife were members of the Fabian Society" — a secret fellowship of wealthy Marxists bound to work for the ultimate victory of international socialism. George Bernard Shaw, one of the founders of the Fabian Society, revealed that this goal was to be achieved by "stealth, intrigue, subversion, and the deception of never calling Socialism by its right name." Fabian official John Strachey, typical of this group, admitted to the *New York Times* that "Like all Socialists, I believe that the Socialist Society evolves in time into the Communist society."

It is not at all surprising that the Communists would turn to Russell to design their "peace" sign. A Marxist from his earliest youth, he greeted the Russian Revolution

*During Hearings before the House Special Committee on Un-American Activities in 1938 (the Dies Committee) it was established in the sworn testimony of Walter Steele that "The War Resisters International is called a Communist organization . . . [Its purpose is] to bring about a new social order through revolutionary uprisings."

On Pages 2574-2575 of Hearings before the Special Preparedness Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. Senate (*Military Cold War Education And Speech Review Policies*, Part 6, 1962) it is established that Bertrand Russell "encouraged the show of force [at Aldermaston] by thousands of British students against NATO defense and for rapprochement with Communism." Senator Strom Thurmond, a member of that Subcommittee, notes that "The program was manipulated by pro-Communists whose objective it was to involve British students in something they do not fully comprehend." It was for this program that Lord Bertrand Russell designed the "peace" symbol.

But why would Lord Russell choose a perversion of the Christian cross as a symbol for the radicalization of British youth? Why indeed?



Radicals use Reds' fist salute and "peace" sign.

with the declaration: "The world is damnable. Lenin and Trotsky are the only bright spots The world grows more full of hope every day. The Bolsheviks delight me" It is also typical of him that Bertrand Russell was a member of the infamous *Clarté*, the International of Socialist Intellectuals founded at Paris in 1919, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. (See *Builders Of Peace*, Mrs. H.W. Swanwick, Page 130.) The *Clarté* soon joined with the French Communist Party, and in 1924 went underground.

In 1929, while Russell was Vice President of the Communist Teachers' Labor League of England, that organization declared itself to be "affiliated to the Educational Workers' International of Paris," which in turn was connected with the Third International at Moscow. The *Daily Worker*, official newspaper of the Communist Party, U.S.A., quoted Russell on October 26, 1931, as declaring: "There is no hope in anything but the Soviet way." At the time, he headed the English section of the Communist Anti-Imperialist League and followed the Communist Line so completely that during the period of the Hitler-Stalin Pact he actually claimed to be a great admirer of Adolf Hitler.

By the mid-Fifties, Bertrand Russell was serving as Chairman of the British "Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament." During an interview with columnist Joseph Alsop on February 19, 1958, he explained why. "Unilateral disarmament," he told Alsop, "is likely to mean, for a while, Communist domination of this world of ours . . . if the alternatives are the eventual extinction of mankind and a temporary Communist conquest, I prefer the latter."

Yes, Russell was an *ideal* figure to devise a "peace" symbol for the Communists. As a noted philologist, mathematician, and dabbler in philosophy, he was thoroughly familiar with classical symbology. As an equally active anti-Christian, he knew that he had chosen a classical anti-Christian design long associated with Satanism. He hated the very thought of God. "I am a dissenter from all known religions," he wrote in *The Will To Doubt*, "and I hope that every kind of religious belief will die." Bertrand Russell's design fits that philosophy perfectly.

In Bernard Koerner's *Handbuch der Herald Kunst* (four volumes, Gorlitz Schlef, 1920), the "peace" symbol later adopted for the Comrades by Russell appears both right-side up and upside-down as a feature of pre-Christian alphabets. The Germanic tribes who used it attributed strange and mystical properties to the sign. Such a "rune" is said to have been used by "black magicians" in pagan incantations and condemnations. In Volume One of the Koerner book (Pp. 248-261) the upright use of this fork symbol was identified as representing "Man." Inverted (as it is in the Russell design) it meant "*die gesturzte Man-Rune*" — the fallen-man rune, or the dead-man rune. To this very day the inverted broken cross — identical to the socialists' "peace"

symbol — is known in Germany as a “*todersrune*,” or death rune. Not only was it ordered by Hitler’s National Socialists that it must appear on German death notices, but it was a part of the official inscription prescribed for the gravestones of Nazi officers of the dread SS. The symbol suited Nazi emphasis on pagan mysticism.

Far from being a “modern” design, the symbol which Russell adopted as the Communists’ insignia for “peace” dates back many centuries in the history of anti-Christian activity. In 711 A.D., for instance, when the Saracen hordes crossed into Spain to establish their Moorish kingdom, the shields of the invaders were decorated with that inverted broken cross. In 1099 A.D., the Saracens fought the Crusaders under that same symbol.

Koerner’s *Handbuch* emphasizes that an *upward* broken cross was a positive sign. Opposite Page 248 a reproduction of a Fifteenth Century print shows Gregory the Great wearing on his vestment an upright cross, the arms of which slant skyward at a forty-five-degree angle. Opposite Page 250, another illustration shows the ceremonial robe of Saint Thomas á Becket, also wearing the upright “Man-rune.” Germanic



(L) Satanic Medieval symbol shown on Page 83 of the authoritative *Book Of Signs* by Rudolf Koch. (Center) Bertrand Russell, the radical and atheist who adapted Satanic symbol for use by the Reds. (R) A Nazi badge. Inverted, this insignia was used by Hitler’s SS on death notices and tombstones.

scholars Bruno Scher and Martha Bringemeier note that these upright *Gabelkreuze* (fork crosses) are common in Westphalia and certain areas of Austria and Italy,* where each is adorned with a Christ-like figure with arms spread on the upward struts of the cross. In that position, we learn, the “fork crosses” (without the Christ figure!) were considered of good omen. In many cultures they symbolized fertility.†

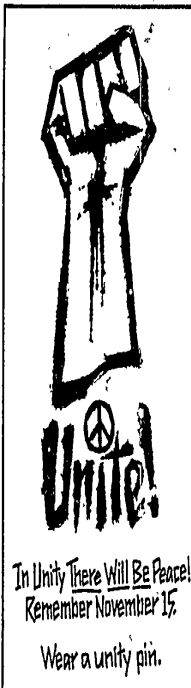
Upside down, on the other hand, such signs were a portent of evil and death. In

*Bruno Scher and Martha Bringemeier, *Volsfromme Kreuzverehrung in Westfalen von den Anfängen bis zum Bruch der mittel-alterlichen Glaubenseinheit*, Aschendorffsche Verlagsbuchhandlung, Münster, 1960.

†Dr. O.A. Wall’s *Sex And Sex Worship* (C.V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1919). Figure 269 on Page 467 shows a “Man-rune” erected in a field in Mexico “to invoke the blessings of fertility or fruitfulness for the seeds that were sown” That symbol is almost identical to the one depicted on the garments of Saint Thomas á Becket. On the following page is a reproduction of the same symbol with the explanation that: “In precisely the same manner and for the same purpose this sign is used by the Hindus in India . . . and by the Zunis in New Mexico.” It was also used by the ancient Aztecs in South America. Dr. Wall expresses his belief that this “fertility” symbol was derived from the outline of a virgin *mons veneris*.

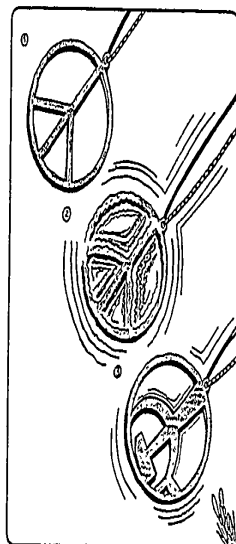


The original of this Sixteenth Century woodcut of the hated Satan by John Knox, founder of Scot Presbyterianism, is in the Museum of Witchcraft at Bayonne, France. The symbols representing the eyes of the Demon are exactly like the "peace" symbol being promoted by the Reds. Used in the Black Mass of Satanists during the Middle Ages, this sign was cited by Knox as "the mark of the beast."



A Communist *Guardian* announcement of the Reds' "Fail Offensive" uses two of their favorite insignias.

Father James E. Grubb of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Davenport, Iowa, conducts weekly "folk Mass" while dressed in vestments decorated with the Satanic "peace" symbol as the hippy "flower power" emblem. His garment was designed for him by a young seminarian nearby St. Ambrose College, one of an odd group Father Grubb calls "Fools for Chris



Cartoon by Robert Murphy, reprinted from the *Manchester Union Leader*.

A mockery of the American flag being paraded by Marxist revolutionaries in Los Angeles. They call it their "peace flag."

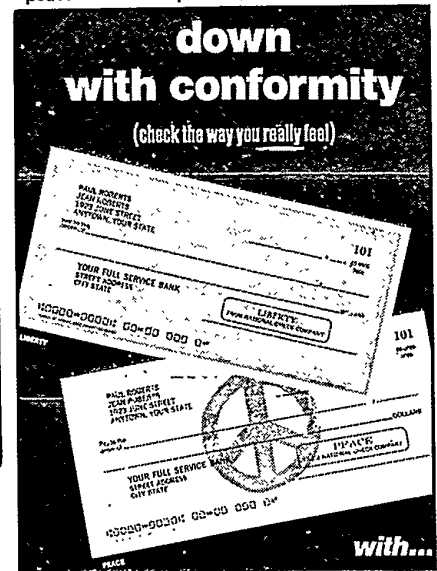
Communist "peace" symbol and clenched-fist salute are combined at Red rally for Communist Black Panthers. In this case, the Communist fist shown rising out of the sign of the anti-Christ is entirely appropriate.





This photo, from the front page of the Communist *Daily World*, features "peace" symbols on boxes of pro-Vietcong petitions stacked near the White House after Vietnienk rally in Washington.

Photo from the Trotskyite Communist *Militant* of March 13, 1970. The major supplier of these "peace checks" reports 6,000 banks use them.



fact, the inverted "Man-rune" — the figure encircled in the common sign which the Communists tell us means "peace" — has for centuries been a favorite sign of Satanists. Dr. Gerard Encausse explains the significance in *Traite de Science Occulte* (Seventh Edition, Page 176). He notes that "when [Satanists] want to express their ideas in a polysymbolic sign, they formulate their ritualistic condemnations by destroying the harmony of the figure: they turn the cross upside down . . ." This ritual, involving either the Christian crucifix or the "Man-rune" symbol, was designed to show defiance of God and faith in Satan.

While the inversion of the "Man-rune" signified infertility, the inversion of the crucifix was known as the sign of the Anti-Christ. These interpretations are still current. As contemporary Satanist Anton LaVey explained in November 1968: "A Black Mass consists of such things as saying the Lord's Prayer backwards, — interspersed with obscenities, trampling the cross under foot or hanging it up-side down, desecration of the wafer or host, and similar other forms of defilement or parodying of the sacred cows . . ."

An especially valuable source on this subject is Rudolf Koch's *The Book Of Signs* (Dover Publications, New York, 1955). Koch also cites the upright fork-shaped figure as "Man," and the inverted figure (used in the "peace" symbol) as "The man dies." On Page 83, however, Dr. Koch describes the inverted figure as "The Crow's foot, or witch's foot," a symbol well-known in the Middle Ages as an insignia of Satan.*

*Confirmation of this appears in such rare but authoritative volumes as the *Grimorium Verum*, the *Grand Grimorie*, and in a number of manuscripts attributed to Pope Honorius, a sorcerer of some reputation in the Middle Ages. Scholars seeking further verification should look to *Sword Of Moses* (written by a Fourteenth Century German magician calling himself Abraham), the *Clavicule de Solomon*, and the *Malleus Maleficarum* (Jacob Sprenger and Henricus Institor).

Bernard Koerner cites the inverted cross as the symbol of "Drudenfuss," or Druid's foot. Standard German dictionaries describe this as a five-pointed star with one point up and two down. That star-shaped figure, which corresponds to the fork-shaped runic figure, is known in ancient symbolism as a pentalpha. In his *Symbolism Of The Three Degrees*, Oliver Day Street comments that "The Pentalpha with one of its points elevated, was a symbol of the pure and the virtuous and a harbinger of good, but with two of its points elevated it became the accursed *Goat of Mendes* which typifies Satan and foreboded evil and misfortune." One point (or finger) up, symbolized the monogram of Christ, while the inversion of the Pentalpha, or two points (two spread fingers) up, was the sign of Satan.

Referring once more to Koch's illustrated *Book Of Signs*, one notes that on Page 6 he devotes considerable space to the star-shaped figure and explains: "The Pentagram has had several different significations at different times in the history of man. The Pythagoreans called it the pentalpha, and the Celtic priests the witch's foot. It is also Solomon's seal, known in the Middle Ages as the goblin's cross Amongst the druids it was the sign of Godhead, and to the Jews it signified the five Mosaic books. This sign was also popularly believed to be a protection against demons . . ." All these interpretations, of course, depended on the position of the pentalpha.

Still pursuing the intent of that "modern" Aldermaston "peace" seal designed by Lord Russell for use by contemporary radicals, we turned to Rollo Ahmed's *Complete Book Of Witchcraft* (Paperback Library, New York, 1936). Ahmed notes that "There was a deeply seated belief in the fascination or enchantment of shadows; so that the witch, or magician, could use them to either produce sickness and death or to inspire love . . . the shadow of the priest's fingers raised in blessing was considered

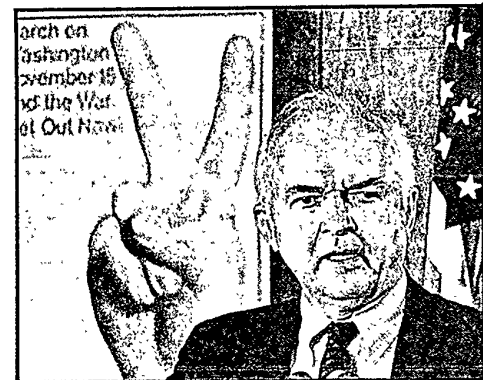


The "Reverend" Lyle Grosjean designed the "peace cross" worn above by a "new breed" nun. A sponsor of the Communist-controlled Spring Mobilization Committee, Grosjean is a leader of the "Guerrilla Academy of the Revolutionary Church" at Berkeley. In 1967 he gave the first of these medallions to the late Bishop James A. Pike, who had it blessed by the Red Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey.



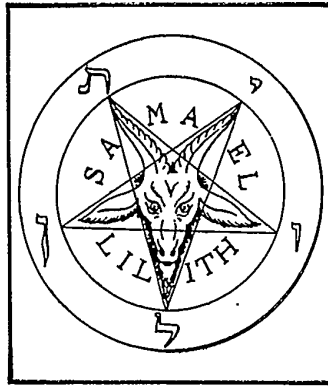
The centuries-old illustration at left, from Maurice Bessy's *Pictorial History Of Magic And The Supernatural*, depicts the ancient gesture of benediction, the shadow of which represents Satan. That shadow, according to Satanists, is the symbol of malediction. A modernized use of this sign appeared in the *Daily World* of October 18, 1969, as the insignia (above) of the Communist GIs & Vets for Peace.

Stewart Meacham, Co-Chairman of Reds' New Mobilization Committee, discusses plans for the Communists' "Fall Offensive" before official poster of "New Mobe." Photo was run in the Communist *Guardian* to promote the "V" insignia.



(L) Flashing the "V" sign at an Arab summit in Rabat, Communist guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat prepares "to map strategy." The red arm-bands of his terrorist P.L.P. bear the ancient "sign of the Broken Jew." (R) Combined fist, "V" and "peace" sign of Berkeley Tribe.





An ancient occult symbol of black magic, the Goat of Mendes (also Baphomet), is represented by the inverted pentagon with two of its fingers raised. This symbol is now used as the insignia of the "Church of Satan." The founder and "High Priest" of this cult (right) is Anton Szandor LaVey.

[by Satanists] to have evil significance A remarkable thing connected with the hand so lifted, is that its shadow resembles the head and horns of the Goat of Baphomet* [Mendes], the symbol of black magic. The use of the 'shadow of blessing' was regarded as the legitimate prerogative of the Pope, and was most terribly exercised during the Dark Ages and at the times of the Inquisition . . . Pictures representing the blessing were inscribed 'Benediction,' while upon the shadow appeared the word 'Maledictus.'"

Millions of American youths have been flashing that same "V" sign, thinking it a sign of "peace." The Leftists, radicals, and Satanists who have popularized that sign, and promoted it in the same manner in which they have promoted their "peace" symbol, know its ancient significance very well. In fact, that "V" sign is now used extensively by such Communist organizations as the Young Socialist Alliance, Vets for Peace in Vietnam, and the Students for a Democratic Society. In the S.D.S. publication, *Fire Next Time*, the Comrades declare: "'V' signs and fists have replaced the traditional salute. But it is also unmistakably clear that GIs still have on the wrong uniform . . . Force them to turn their guns around . . ."

Although said to have been derived from the old Winston Churchill sign for victory, there is a sharp difference. As it is now used, the other three fingers are pulled tight against the hand as in the Communist clenched-fist salute. Incredibly enough, the "peace" cultists' "V" sign is now being pushed in illustrations in the new Cub Scout manuals, perverting their traditional salute of two *closed* fingers.

At this point, obviously, the prudent man asks whether the foregoing really *proves* an intended connection between the contemporary "peace" symbols and the Satanism

*Rollo Ahmed notes in the *Complete Book Of Witchcraft* that: "From the earliest days, the Deity worshipped in black magic was the source and creator of evil, the rival of goodness. Various forms of the Egyptian god Set, the Persian Ahriman, the Python of the Greeks, the Jewish Serpent, Satanas, Baial the Devil [derived from ancient Atlantis], and later Baphomet of the Templars, the Goat Deity of the witches' sabbath. In the ancient Kabala, Satan's name was that of Jehovah reversed, and he was not actually a devil but the negation of light and truth." The Knights Templars of the Middle Ages, cults of which are reported to have practiced revolting ceremonies before their huge idol in the form of a goat, were originally founded to protect the Holy Sepulchre, but some are said by Ahmed to have developed into Satan worshippers.

of the Middle Ages. Couldn't some of these similarities, striking as they are, be no more than a series of unhappy coincidences? Yes, they could be. But, I doubt that they are.

In the fall of 1968 your correspondent attended a four-hour "acid rock" festival in a darkened auditorium in downtown Seattle. Sprawled throughout the hall were more than three hundred young radicals, many on drugs and all bathed in the eerie and subliminal patterns being flashed in stroboscopic colors on the curtain serving as a backdrop for the "entertainers." In the center of that curtain, upon which were flashed the faces of Ho chi Minh, Che Guevara, and Mao Tse-tung, was a huge Aldermaston "peace" symbol.

When the performance ended at precisely midnight, the curtain parted to reveal a huge symbol of the Goat of Mendes. And there on that stage in Seattle, to the applause of hundreds of radical youths, a Black Mass was performed at the altar of Satan. It was positively Medieval.*



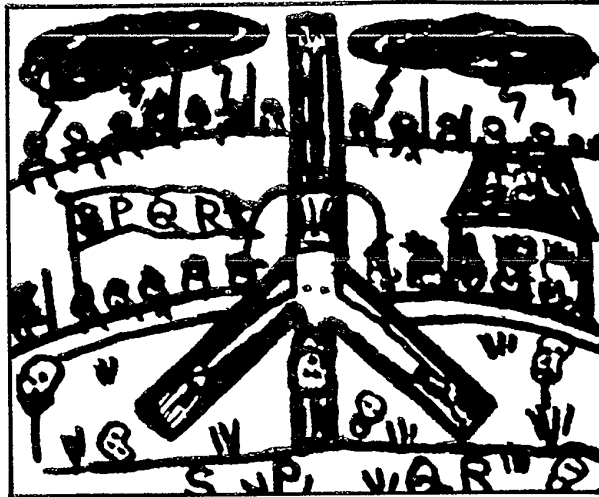
This blasphemous painting of Christ, crucified on an Aldermaston "peace" symbol, remained on a fence at Princeton for over six months.

The Goat of Mendes, as you will observe by the reproduction on Page 53, offers some interesting symbolism of its own. At each of the five points of this Satanic pentalpha, as you can see, there appears a strange marking, or letter. The *Zonderavan Pictorial Bible Dictionary* carries a full page of "Ancient Semitic Alphabets" wherein those letters are identified. Checking each letter against the ten columns of semitic alphabets we are surprised to find that the sign at the point of the Goat's left ear corresponds to a symbol which appeared on Hebrew coins around the time of Christ. It was the upside-down broken cross. Such anti-Christian and anti-Jewish symbolism is

common to Satanists. Anton LaVey, the highly publicized High Priest of Satanism, brags of keeping a Nazi flag in his private chambers.

Yes, I admit that this business is weird. But it *does* explain the comments in the Establishment Press about a resurgence of Satanism, and the new proliferation of black magic shops in areas where Leftist students and radicals gather. The revolutionaries are pushing this business like there's no tomorrow. And, those "peace symbols" are a part of it. They are symbols of the anti-Christ!

*During the Dark Ages, thousands of Europeans "dedicated their children to the Devil, and from an early age inaugurated them into the abominable ceremonies of sorcery . . . All over Europe people of every grade of society flocked to the gathering of the witches' Sabbaths, there to give themselves up to debauchery and cruelty . . ." (*Complete Handbook Of Witchcraft*, Page 72.) The Black Mass is described in graphic and perverted detail by the Marquis de Sade in his infamous book, *Justine*. De Sade was himself an adept Satanist.



The reproduction of the crude Fifth Century illustration at left depicts St. Peter as he was crucified upside-down in the Neroian Gardens of Rome in 67 A.D. Designed by the Emperor Nero, that inverted crucifix was known for centuries thereafter as a "Nero Cross" and as the "sign of the Broken Jew." It was adopted by Satanists in the Middle Ages. In the late Fifties this sign was selected by the anti-Christian Bertrand Russell as a "peace" symbol to be used in Communist demonstrations aimed at total American disarmament.

Sixteenth Century Scots reformer John Knox is credited with the woodcut of the bat-like Devil reproduced on Page 48. You will notice that the symbols representing the eyes of Satan correspond *exactly* with the "modern" Aldermaston symbol promoted by the Communists. In *Symbol Of The Anti-God*, the Marquis de Concessault, Sovereign Grand Chancellor of the Celtic Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, notes that "This same symbol can be found in many archives containing medieval manuscripts. The Museum of Witchcraft in Bayonne, France, has several woodcuts illustrating the Black Mass and Witch Sabbath with the symbol of the Anti-God [the "peace" symbol] adorning the altar as an 'unholy relic.'" (Brittany Press, Nantes, 1969.)

But, the fact is that the actual origin of this Satanic symbol *can* be pinpointed — as Bertrand Russell and the Communists well knew. It goes back almost two thousand years to ancient Rome.

During the summer of 1866, an international team of archeologists, excavating a ruin of an ancient Roman villa overlooking the Mediterranean, uncovered a magnificent terrazzo floor covering an area of more than 1,300 square feet. Incorporated within the mosaic design was the "modern" symbol later attributed to Lord Russell. That symbol was not unfamiliar to archeologists even a hundred years ago as a Roman design dating

This design, incorporating the Christian symbol of the Holy Spirit (the Paraclete) and the Satanic "peace" symbol beneath a Communist clenched-fist salute, is now used nationwide by revolutionary Marxists. Former top Communist Bella Dodd, revealed in 1966 that the Christian dove was adopted for the use of the Comrades by the Spanish Communist Pablo Picasso, who used it in his propaganda paintings.

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from the reign of the Emperor Nero (54-68 A.D.). Francesco Maria Guazzo referred to it in his *Compendium Maleficarum* (1608) as both a "Witch Foot" and a "Nero Cross."

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says of Nero: "Hitherto the government had not clearly distinguished Christians from Jews . . . Nero initiated the later policy of . . . persecution and earned himself the reputation of *Antichrist* in the Christian tradition." The origin of the Nero Cross should be known to all Christians. On June 29, 67 A.D., after three years of incredible terror imposed on Jews and Christians by Nero, the Apostles Simon Peter and Paul of Tarsus were martyred for their Christian beliefs. While Paul was ceremoniously beheaded outside the walls of Rome at Aquae Salviae on the Ostian Way, Simon Peter was taken before the Emperor Nero who sentenced him to death by crucifixion.

Crucifixion was considered the most barbarous means of execution. Indeed, Cicero called it "the cruelist, the foulist of punishments." But, remembering how Jesus had met death with equanimity during the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, Peter requested of the Emperor Nero that he not be so *honored* as to be crucified in the same fashion as our Lord. Nero granted the condemned man his last wish. According to the voluminous records of Nestorius the Syrian, Patriarch of Constantinople (428-431 A.D.), the deranged Emperor is said to have designed and had constructed a cross, the arms of which were broken, upon which St. Peter was then crucified to death and burned — *upside down*. From that date, the "Nero Cross" (depicted in the Fifth Century Illustration on Page 55) was known as the "sign of the 'Broken Jew,'" or the "symbol of the 'anti-Christ.'"

Less than a year after the executions of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and after countless atrocities committed against other Christians and Jews who had been forced to flee to the Catacombs, the Emperor Nero committed suicide by cutting his throat. But the legacy of Nero lived on. In 70 A.D., Nero's signet of the anti-Christ was carried on the standards of the Legions of Titus when the Romans ravished and destroyed the Holy City of Jerusalem.

The "Nero Cross" was thus adopted as an appropriate sign by the Satanists of the Dark Ages, who sought to make a mockery and a travesty of the teachings of Christ. Wherever in the West evil has been practiced as a cult, the sign of the anti-Christ has been a part of it. "In the Twentieth Century," relates the learned Marquis de Concessault, "this same symbol was painted on the doors of churches closed by the Bolsheviks in Russia . . . It was branded on the bodies of Gypsies and Jews during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39 just as they had been branded during the days of the Inquisition. This symbol is, in our own time, the symbol of the anti-God and those who wear it and use it must realize that the last crusade has not yet started . . ."

Thus, through the centuries, demonic "secret combinations" flaunting this standard have persecuted devout Christians and Jews alike. Indeed, such persecution continues to this day against Jews in the Middle East who are under attack by the Communist Palestine Liberation Front — upon whose red armbands is displayed the "sign of the Broken Jew" . . . the Communist "peace" symbol. Meanwhile, in America, as thousands of radicalized youths parade that same symbol, the heretics of the Christian Church have all but adopted the "sign of the anti-Christ" as their own. And you can be absolutely certain that the Communists planned it that way. — DAVID E. GUMAER

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Regent Admits Former John Birch Ties

Student Lobby Wants Appointee's Involvement Explained

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In all likelihood, University regental appointee Walter Sterling will have to explain his past involvement in two organizations, the John Birch Society and the Houston Committee for Sound American Education, when the Senate Education Committee continues its hearings at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Sterling admitted before the committee Wednesday to being a member of the right-wing Birch Society for "about three or four months," but according to a Houston Post article dated May 28, 1962, his membership was closer to a year.

THE 73-YEAR-OLD regent told the Post in 1962 he quit the society because of "an extremist pressure situation." Sterling first attended a meeting of the Birchers in 1959 when he was invited by Robert Welch, a Massachusetts candy manufacturer and founder of the society. From a series of articles in the Chicago Sun-Times reprinted in the Congressional Record, "Welch has labeled President Eisenhower and other eminent Americans as agents of communism, and has called for impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren on the ground the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision was Communist

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The Los Angeles Times also published a series of articles on the Birchers, reprinted in the Congressional Record. One article was on a book written by Welch which included a 10-point plan in the Birchers' "war on communism."

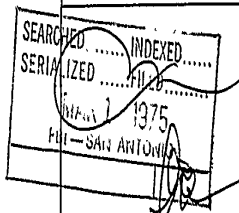
"REQUIRED READING before anyone can join the society, the Blue Book is a transcript of Welch's two-day discussion at the organizational meeting of 12 men in Indianapolis Dec. 8 and 9, 1958," the story added.

Sterling's involvement in the Houston Committee for Sound American Education is somewhat less vague. He told the

Education Committee Tuesday that the Houston committee was formed to raise campaign funds for candidates of the Houston School Board. But he could not remember if any of the committee's candidates' platforms were segregationists. Sterling was an active member of the committee, at one time being its finan-

cial director. A superintendent of the Houston School Board was fired during a time when the committee's candidates dominated the school board, allegedly because the superintendent was trying to comply with federal court orders by drawing new school district boundaries.

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